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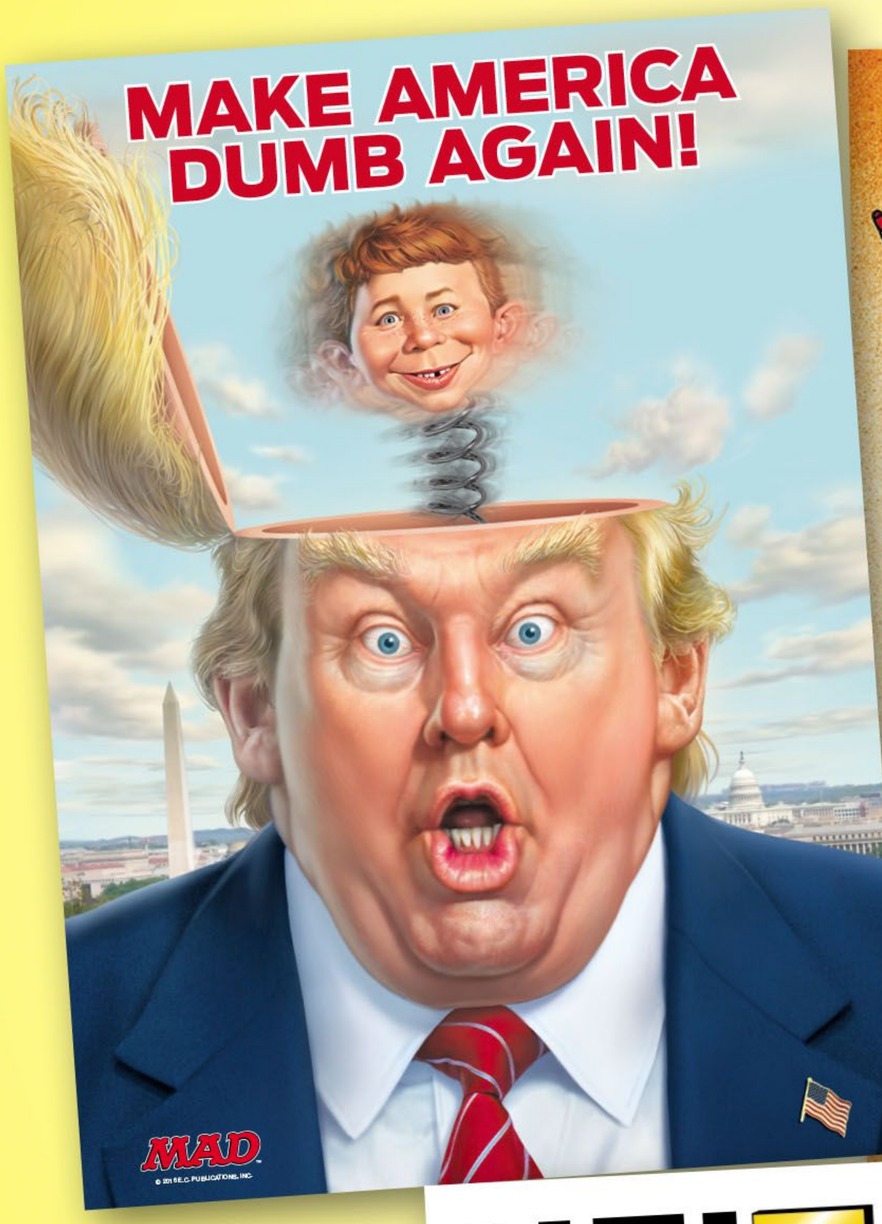

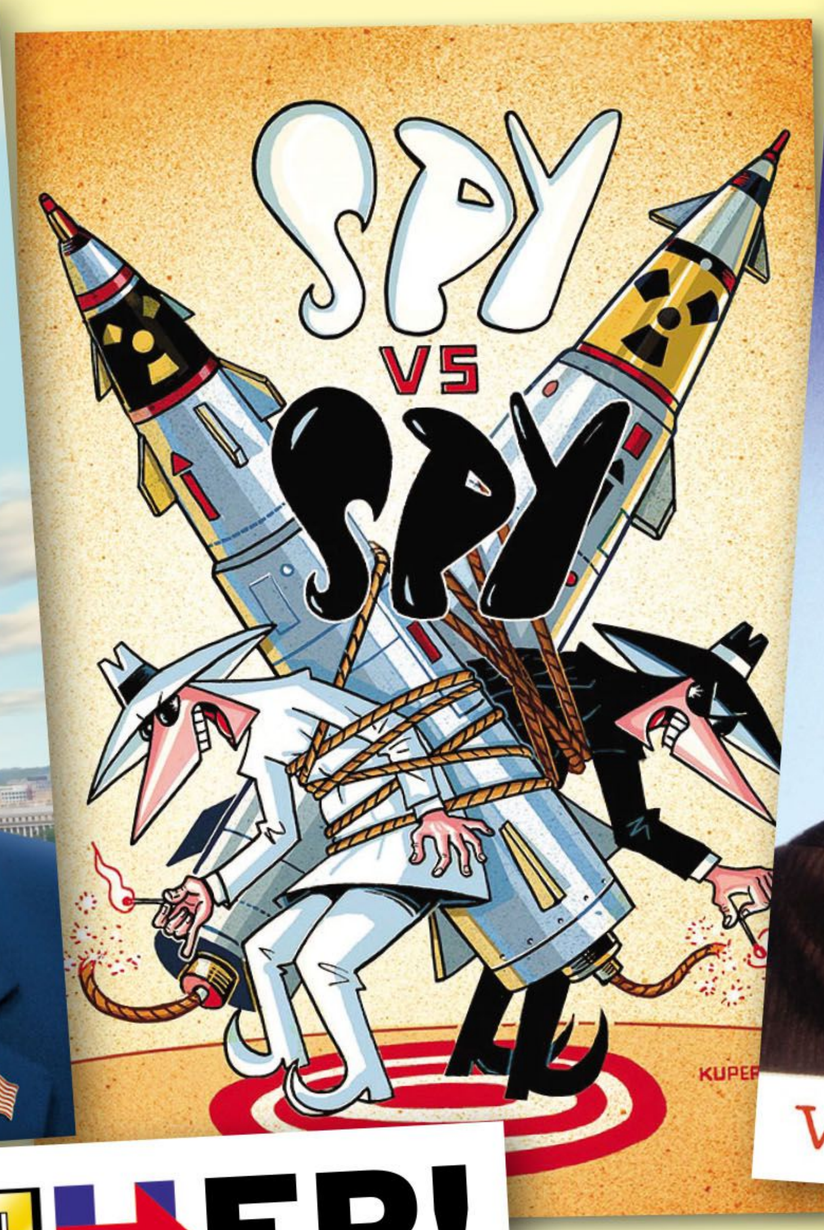

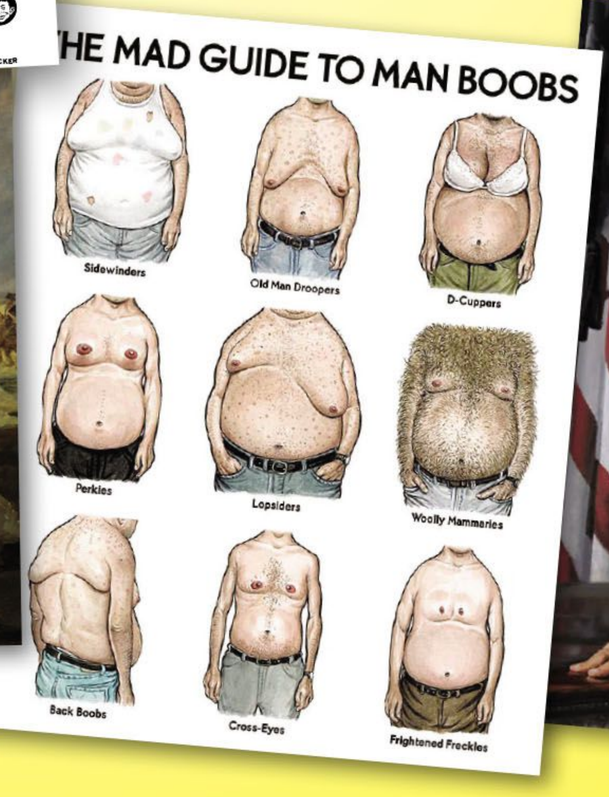

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Letters and Tomatoes

BIRTHDAY OF RECKONING

I have been a MAD reader since 2015, and ever since my mom bought me my first issue, I loved it. After a while, my grandma got me a gift subscription. So for my birthday, I decided to have a MAD magazine party! I know, I know, why would I be wasting my awesome 12th birthday on a magazine? Because I LOVE MAD. So thank you for making my life funny and brainwashing me to be excited every two months! Keep up the stupidity!!!!!

Nikolai Morlett • Truckee, CA

Morlett it Go — Gee, your party sounds like it was amazing! But who do you think might've appreciated an invite to your fabulous MAD magazine-themed affair, Nikolai? Hmm…let's see…maybe THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE MAD MAGAZINE? To be fair, you've probably heard all about Senior Editor Dave Croatto's harrowing (and hive-inducing) ice cream cake addiction — so we can understand why you'd want to exclude him. But what about the rest of us, Nikolai?!? After all we've given you, all we ask is that you invite us to your next magazine-themed birthday party — even if the theme of your 13th is *Better Homes and Gardens*! —Ed.

Nikolai in the middle holding the phone

DEATH COMEDY JAM

Two years ago, my brother bought the farm. As a matter of closing his estate, I had his mail forwarded to me. I was delighted — no, really more nauseated — to discover that your magazine subscription was part of my inheritance. Short story long, I will abide his influence no matter the cost to my sensibilities or pocketbook and continue to search for the truth obscura.

Dave Dakert • Lombard, IL

The Butcher, The Dakert, The Candlestick Maker — We're so sorry to hear about your loss — and we're even sorrier that this is how you learned that you should've been a better brother! While other family members no doubt received his vintage Rolls-Royce, palatial Tuscany estate and Mickey Mantle rookie card, YOU got stuck with his crummy MAD subscription. That makes a sad situation that much more upsetting. At least the guy had a sense of humor — which is more than we can say for the publication you'll be receiving until the sweet release of death frees YOU from this horrific obligation! —Ed.

DADDY'S ISSUES

As we pulled into the car wash today, the attendant noticed my son's issue of MAD and told us how he grew up reading the magazine and lamented how his mother must have thrown out his collection at some point. I couldn't help but think to myself, "Is this where reading MAD magazine leads, a dead-end job wearing rubber boots, scrubbing down cars?" Am I setting my son up for failure by buying him your trashy mag?

Sam Kardash • Ottawa, Canada

Keeping Up With the Kardash — There's no guarantee that reading MAD will lead to a dead-end job at a car wash. For example, we grew up reading MAD — and now we work HERE! Which is proof that things can turn out WAY worse than working at a car wash. By the way, did you happen to notice if they were hiring? We already have our own rubber boots! —Ed.

BOARD TO DEATH

I write to you from Wilmot, New Hampshire where I am living every 43-year-old's dream. I manage a skatepark and live rent-free at my mother's house. While it sounds like I have it all, there are a few pieces of low-hanging fruit left to pick. Aside from getting a call in to the Howard Stern show, I live to grace the pages of your legendary publication. My friend David Lorden drew up an Alfred sketch on my board. Perfect likeness aside, the kids at the skatepark did not know who they were looking at. I blame it on the local literacy, as your magazine is still going strong.

Ian Kirk • Wilmont, NH

Kirk du Soleil — We weren't sure whether or not to print your letter — after all, is it really fair for you to have SO MUCH? You've already got the skatepark gig, the free rent and seemingly-magical friendship with David Lorden — should we really make the rich even richer? But after some serious soul-searching, we decided that printing your letter would be just the thing to take you down a peg! Also, we have a theory about the kids at the skatepark — we're guessing they know exactly who Alfred is, but just want to quickly end the conversation with the creepy 43-year-old skateboarder trying to "chillax" with them. —Ed.

A MATTER OF PRINCIPAL

I am an assistant principal at a middle school and longtime reader of MAD. I need a small victory in my life, so please publish this photo of my boss (Principal Kathy Hawkins) reading your rag on a Friday afternoon. After a long week of dealing with naughty little children, all I can figure is that by relaxing this way, she recovers much like a drunk; in search of the hair of the dog that bit her.

Scott Dowling • Vernal, UT

Dowling at the Moon — We'd like to be the first to congratulate you! Didn't you hear the good news? You're about to be promoted! Because when the Vernal school board sees how Kathy Hawkins spends her spare time — on school grounds, no less — she's going to go from "principal" to "unemployment-line malingerer" quicker than you can say "Justifiable Firing"! We can't wait to see what *you'll* be fired for! Write back next month and let us know! —Ed.

CHALK IS CHEAP

Eagle-eyed reader Ian Scott McGregor sent in this chalky recreation of the cover of MAD #540 by Hani Shihada, after seeing it on Instagram. This is some MAD art we can really get behind — the type that can be completely destroyed with a common garden hose!

MARCH MAD-MESS

While at the Equality March in Washington, DC on June 11, I spotted a group of protestors too lazy to make their own poster. My grandfather, William Gaines, would have been proud!

Nicholas Mifsud • Philadelphia, PA

Mifsud: Impossible — True, your grandfather loved laziness — but he hated the unlicensed use of MAD imagery, so it's a real toss-up! —Ed.

FLIGHT AND WRONG

By 2001 I had been a subscriber to your magazine for three years and had three Alfred keychains to show for it. Like a good number of airline captains, I hung an item on the "dash" while flying. I carried all three Alfreds in my flight bag and rotated them as needed. In haste to leave for vacation, I left one hanging in an airplane. He probably had more flight time than me when I recovered him weeks later. The most gorgeous day in my experience, found me transporting a full load of passengers from Nashville to St. Louis, while administering Initial Operating Experience to a new guy. Due to the stress of helping the new guy along, I did not have time to pull an Alfred out. The day soon took a horrible turn — I was flying one of the 4,000-plus airplanes grounded due to the evil and cowardly acts perpetrated on 9/11. Fifteen years later, I find myself employed outside of the airlines. I stumbled across the three Alfreds nestled, all but forgotten, in my flight bag. I am correcting this slight. One is keeping my hat brass company in a shadow box. The second will soon hang from the Coweta District Boy Scout spirit stick. The final Alfred is returning home to you.

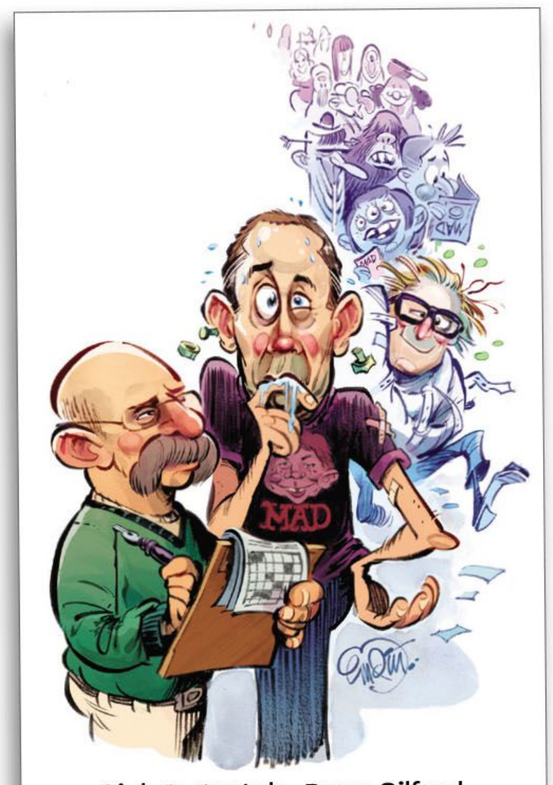
Eric N. Stout • Newnan, GA

Stout's Honor — Thanks for sending the keychain back to us — you probably didn't notice, but you left the keys for a 747 on it. We're starting to piece together the reason why you're "employed outside of the airlines." Kind of like how Tim Tebow is "employed outside" of professional football. Anyway, thanks for writing, cap'n! —Ed.

Letters and Tomatoes

AT FIRST SITE

It's common knowledge that MAD was instrumental in the creation of the Internet — because a place was needed to house Doug Gilford's MADCoverSite .com! Amazingly, this month marks the site's 20th anniversary! Over the years, Doug has created a massive database listing information on every issue, article and MAD contributor, plus galleries of front and back covers, MAD paperbacks, Super Specials, MAD Kids and countless other MAD stuff. Doug has truly proven the old computer adage, "garbage in, garbage out"! Congratulations, Doug! Your dedication, devotion and attention to detail show us that there must not be a whole lot to do in Oregon!



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ALFRED LOOK-ALIKE

Hi, I've been a reader of MAD since my childhood. Years ago, I realized that an old school photo of mine bears an uncanny resemblance to a Mr. Neuman, complete with a missing tooth! I don't know if the physical letters are backed up, but I've submitted this photo to the lookalike contest three times now with no results. I can't describe how disappointed I am when a new issue of MAD hits the newsstands and I flip to the letters without seeing my face.

Jared Kowis • Spring, TX

How Now, Brown Kowis? — We can't even imagine how disappointed you must have been, never seeing your face in MAD! And we also can't imagine how disappointed our readers will be when they DO see your face in MAD! No matter what, someone's suffering! We hope this ends your ongoing feelings of disappointment, but we're guessing that growing up looking like Alfred, you're no stranger to the feeling. Anyhoo, thanks for writing! —Ed.

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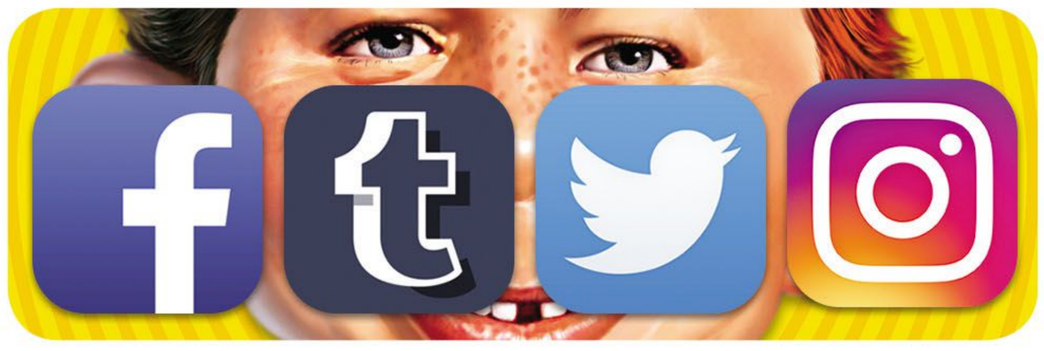

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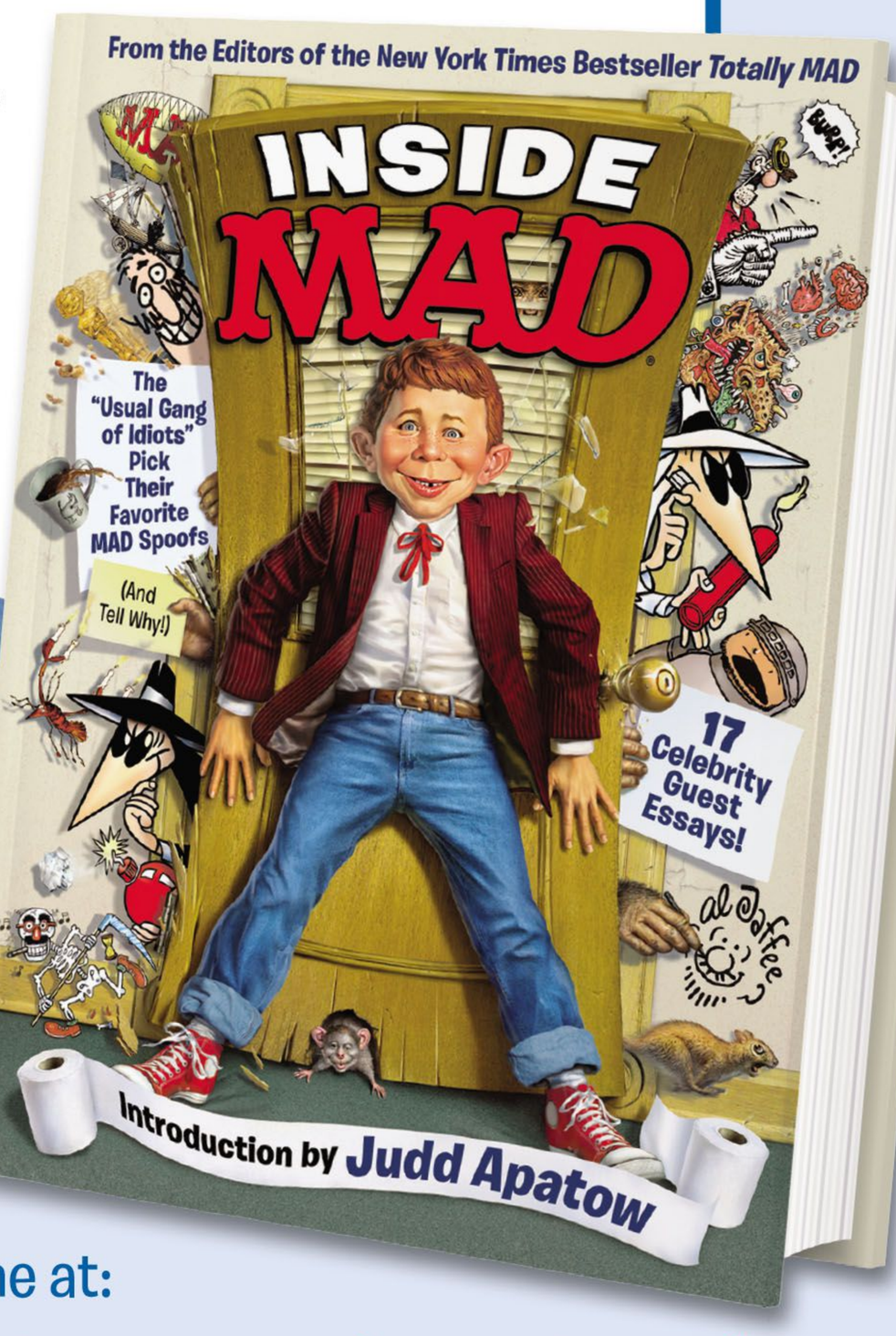
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CHANGES BEING MADE TO WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFINGS

1. Each briefing will begin with the Trump Loyalty Oath
2. Sean Spicer will soon have a "Phone a Friend" option
3. Correspondents will be barred from reporting on anything said at briefings
4. Sarah Huckabee Sanders will now be doing 50% of the lying and misleading
5. Reporters will be discouraged from making hand-jerking motions after Spicer speaks
6. Correspondents from CNN, *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post* will receive special "Fake News Credentials."

Artist: Tom Richmond

The Note Trump Left in Israel's Western Wall

DEAR GOD,

PLEASE CONTACT ME WITH THE NAME OF THE CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT THIS WALL.

I HAVE A SIMILAR PROJECT AND WOULD LIKE A QUOTE.

-DJT

OVERHEARD AT TRUMP'S MEETING WITH POPE FRANCIS

I CAN BRING MY ***ATTORNEY*** INTO THE ***CONFESSIONAL***, RIGHT?

I'M ***TELLING*** YOU — TRUMP-BRANDED ***COMMUNION WAFERS*** WOULD BE THE ***GREATEST*** THING TO HIT CATHOLICISM IN ***2,000 YEARS!***

I COULD VIOLATE ***SIX*** OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE MIDDLE OF ***ST. PETER'S SQUARE*** AND I WOULDN'T LOSE ***ANY*** SUPPORTERS!

I APOLOGIZE FOR THE ***BRIMSTONE*** SMELL — I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ***SHOWER*** THIS MORNING!

MIKE PENCE ***REALLY*** WISHED HE COULD BE HERE — HE ACTUALLY ***BELIEVES IN GOD***, YOU KNOW!

I'M GLAD YOU REPLACED THAT ***POPE BENEDICT*** — HE WAS ***CRAZY***, A REAL ***NUT JOB***, AM I RIGHT?

SO AFTER I GOT MISS UNIVERSE ***ALONE***, I...BUT WHY AM ***I*** TELLING ***YOU?*** YOU KNOW HOW IT IS, YOU'RE ***FAMOUS***, THEY DON'T STOP YOU...

I'M SORRY YOUR ***WIFE*** COULDN'T JOIN US TODAY, PONTIFF!

I BROUGHT OVER SOME NEW HYMNS ***TED NUGENT*** WROTE — MAYBE YOU COULD GET THEM INTO THIS ***SUNDAY'S MASS?***

LOVE THE SISTINE CHAPEL — IT'S LIKE A ***SMALLER*** VERSION OF MY ***NEW YORK CITY APARTMENT!***

A ***NEW CASINO*** WOULD LOOK ***MIGHTY FINE*** IN THE BASILICA, THAT'S ***ALL*** I'M SAYIN'...

STAAKE

Writers: Charlie Kadau and Jacob Lambert
Artist: Bob Staake

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WHY JARED KUSHNER SECRETLY MET WITH THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

He and Ivanka just couldn't get their borscht to come out right

Trump asked him to squeeze it in between negotiating a Palestinian agreement, hashing out a North Korea strategy and signing him up for Hulu

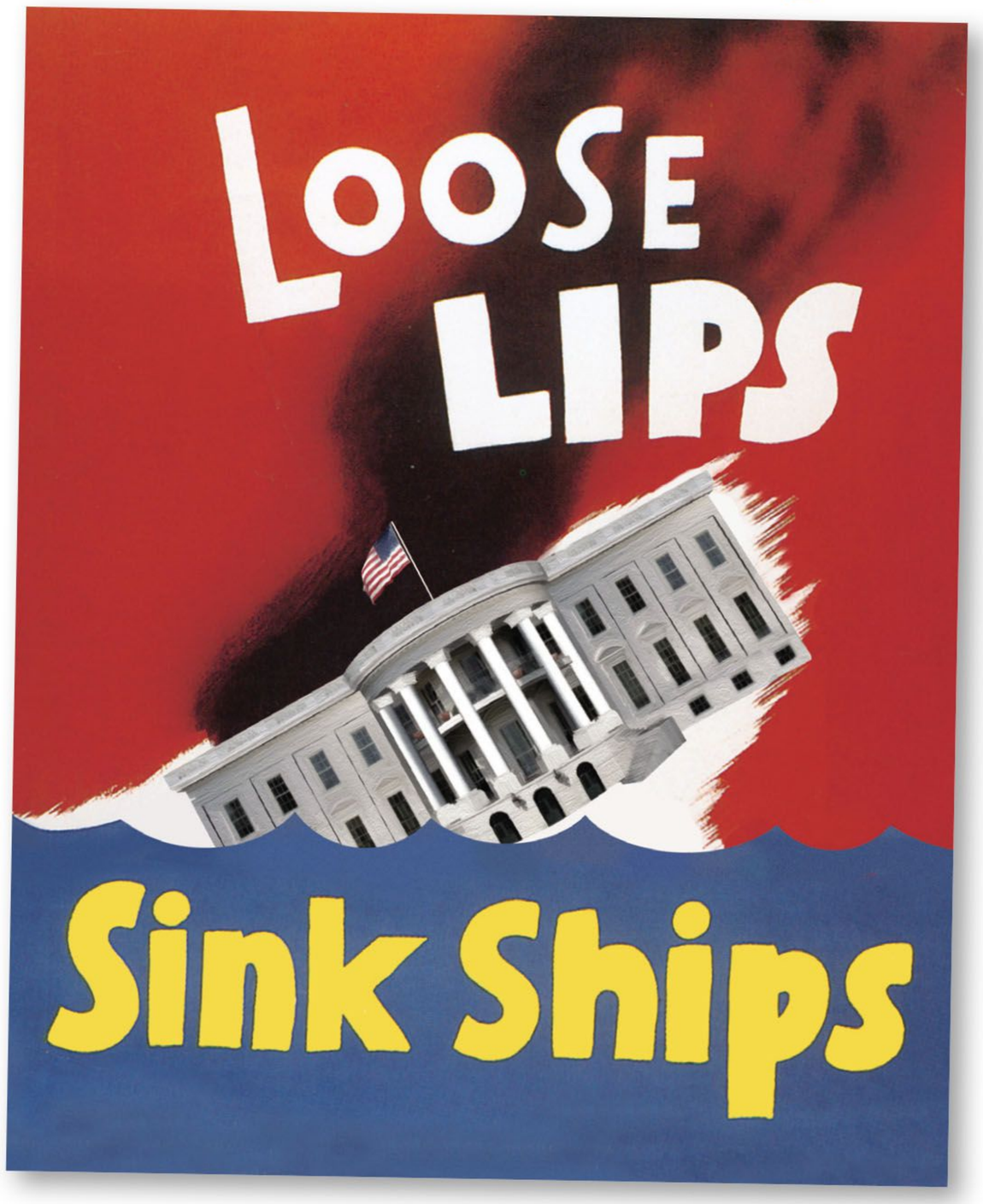
He was inquiring about job openings in the Russian government, because his current gig just isn't working out

He wanted to give the Russians a heads-up that his father-in-law is bats#!t crazy

The whole thing was actually a coincidental Grindr hookup

Artist: Anton Emdin

A Public Service Poster for President Trump

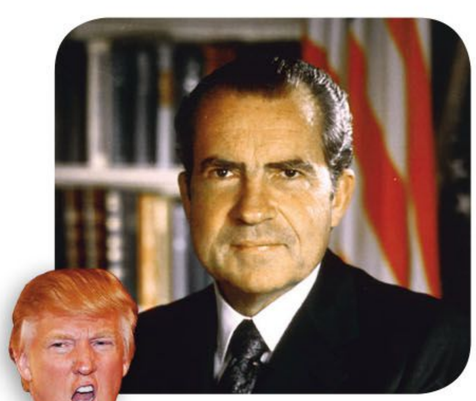


Trump Discusses Presidential History

"Lincoln would **still** be **alive today** if he'd just **stayed home** and **watched Netflix** that night, as he'd originally **planned!**"

"What's **really** inspiring about Thomas Jefferson is his **childhood** in **Las Vegas,** where his father was a part-time **blackjack dealer!**"

"Washington **never once** flew on **Air Force One** — he didn't **trust** air travel!"



"Nixon **hated** CNN and other **fake news** outlets — that's why he **always tweeted** about them!"

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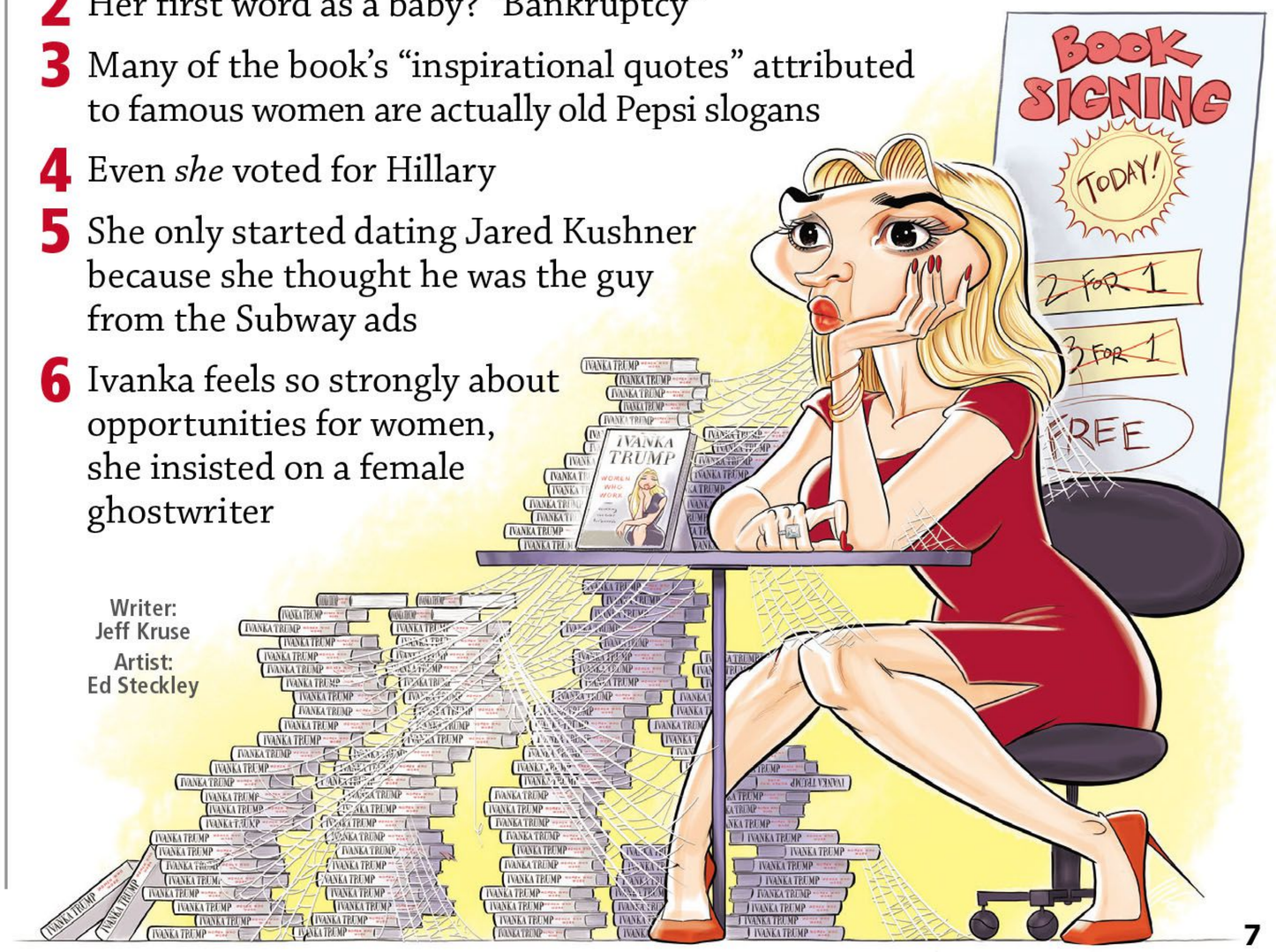
SURPRISES IN IVANKA TRUMP'S BOOK

1. She mistakenly thinks she's third in line to the Presidency
2. Her first word as a baby? "Bankruptcy"
3. Many of the book's "inspirational quotes" attributed to famous women are actually old Pepsi slogans
4. Even *she* voted for Hillary
5. She only started dating Jared Kushner because she thought he was the guy from the Subway ads
6. Ivanka feels so strongly about opportunities for women, she insisted on a female ghostwriter



Writer: Jeff Kruse

Artist: Ed Steckley

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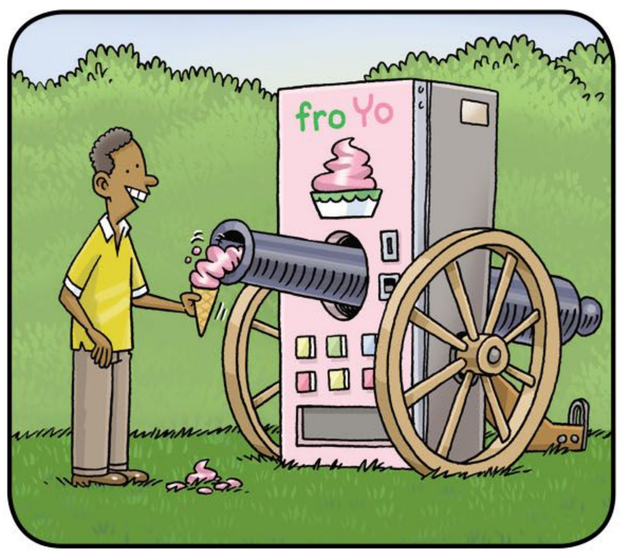
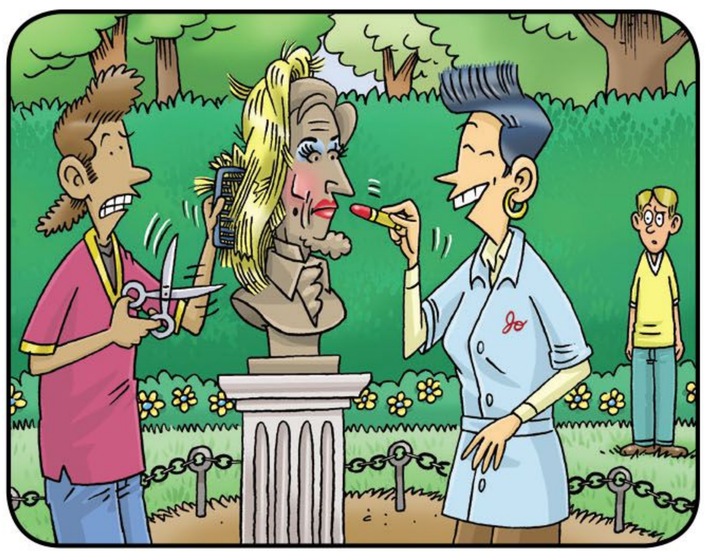
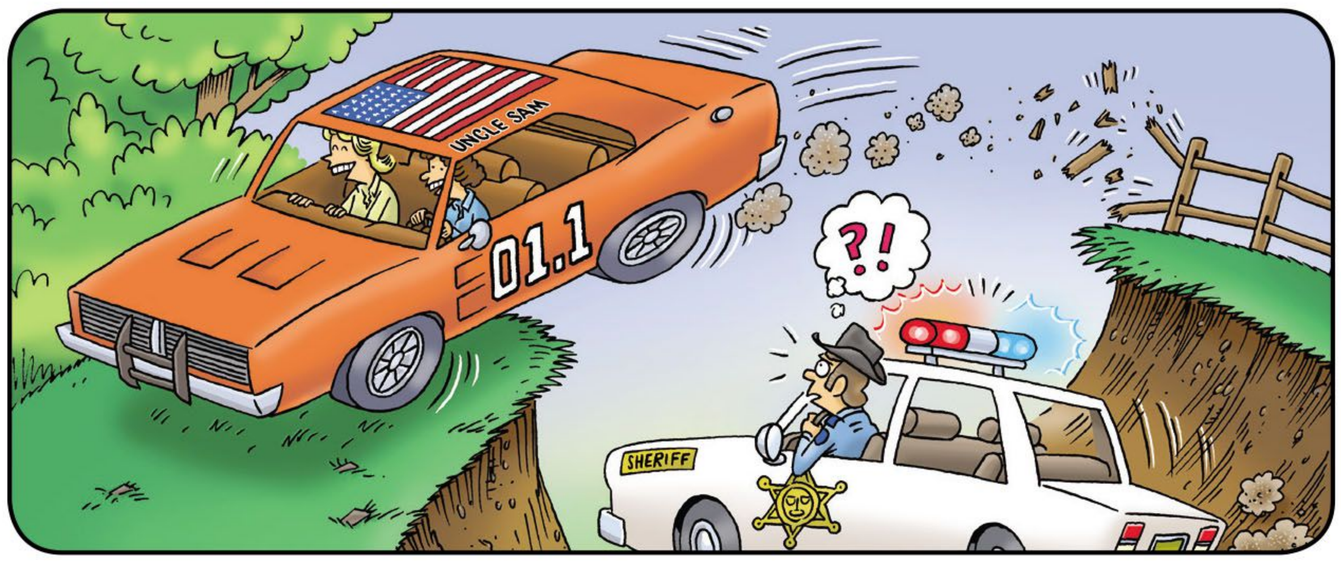
MUCH-NEEDED UPDATES TO CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS



Convert all Civil War-era cannons into non-fat FroYo dispensers



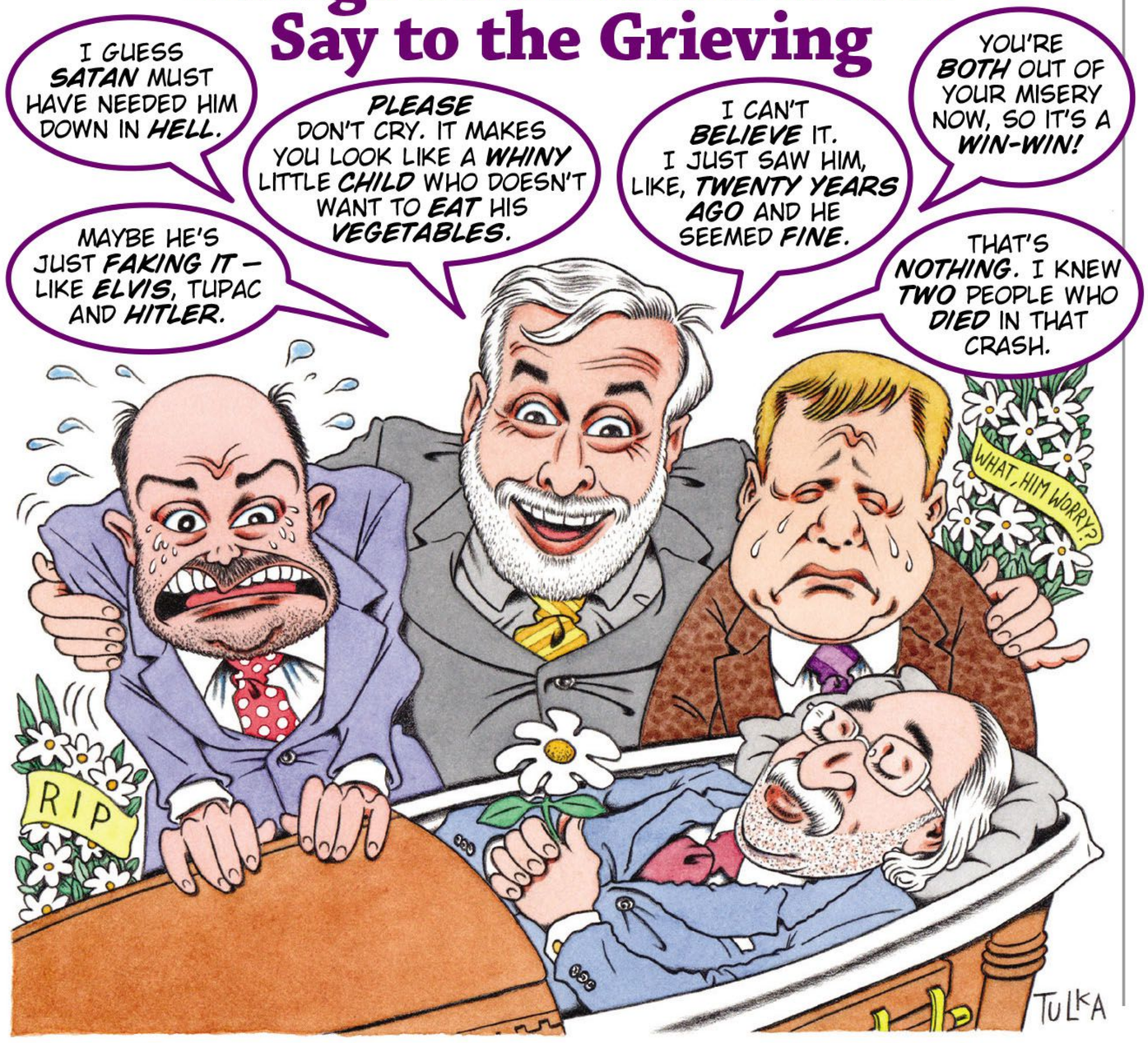
Jefferson Davis busts can stay, but only if local beautician schools are allowed to use them as test mannequins



Repaint the Dukes of Hazzard's car, already — not only will it be more culturally sensitive, but it'll totally throw Sheriff Rosco P. Coltrane off their scent

Writer: Kenny Keil Artist: John Kerschbaum

Things You Should Never Say to the Grieving


I GUESS SATAN MUST HAVE NEEDED HIM DOWN IN HELL.
PLEASE DON'T CRY. IT MAKES YOU LOOK LIKE A WHINY LITTLE CHILD WHO DOESN'T WANT TO EAT HIS VEGETABLES.
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. I JUST SAW HIM, LIKE, TWENTY YEARS AGO AND HE SEEMED FINE.
YOU'RE BOTH OUT OF YOUR MISERY NOW, SO IT'S A WIN-WIN!
MAYBE HE'S JUST FAKING IT — LIKE ELVIS, TUPAC AND HITLER.
THAT'S NOTHING. I KNEW TWO PEOPLE WHO DIED IN THAT CRASH.
WHAT, HIM WORRY?
RIP
TULKA

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Rick Tulka

Tips for Enjoying Yourself at America's National Parks

Remember that the giant redwoods are legally protected. Trying to smuggle one out will land you in a world of trouble.

Parks are busiest during the holidays, particularly "Talk Like A Pirate Day" and "National Celery Day." Plan accordingly.

You can easily identify most park animals by their scat. That doesn't meant you should, of course. In fact, you'll enjoy yourself more if you forget we even mentioned it.

The best way to avoid crowds is to stay home and view your park of choice via webcam.

Try to get tickets for when Stephen Strasburg is pitching... wait, that's how to enjoy yourself at Nationals Park.

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Paul Coker

Sampson of Anarchy

"I'M SORRY I HAVE TO LET YOU ALL GO, BUT YOU'RE JUST NOT FREAKS ANYMORE."

Writer and Artist: Johnny Sampson

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Writer and Artist: Peter Kuper

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KAZOO-PLAYING HUNK

HOBO BUYING FABERGÉ EGG

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"STOP STABBING MY PANCREAS!" GUY ON HAYRIDE

Writer: Jeff Kruse

The Stupid Six
WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF *STAR WARS*

1. Give your Chewbacca costume the fumigation it so richly deserves
2. Also celebrate the second anniversary of the last remastered and re-edited version of *Star Wars*
3. Gather up all the poems you've written about Boba Fett and submit them to *The New Yorker*
4. Tell anyone who'll listen that it's actually called *Episode IV: A New Hope* — they'll appreciate the accuracy
5. Send George Lucas a nicer Edible Arrangement than you usually do
6. See if your wife will finally wear the Vader helmet in the sack

Artist: Ray Alma

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Writer: J.C. Duffy A MAD Ad Parody

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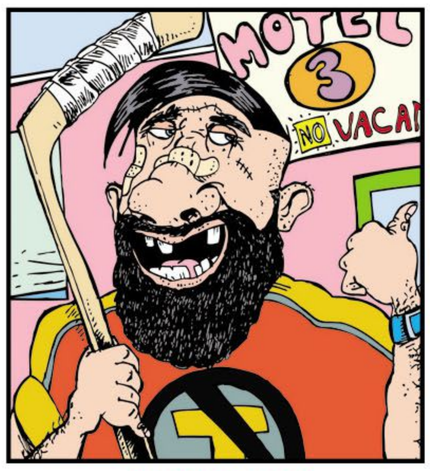
ACTIVIST ATHLETES YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT

MALCOLM KENYATTA-WATTS

The star of the Ultra-Minor Football League's North Dakota Sleet stands during the national anthem, though he sings his own lyrics in order to protest "general bad stuff in society I could do without."

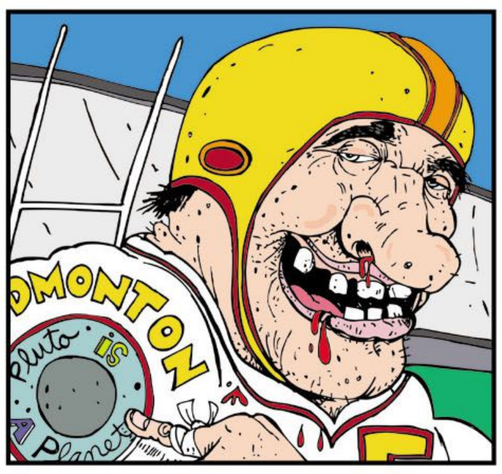


GUNTHER VON DUFFELBAG

No matter which minor league hockey team he's on, this journeyman goalie will refuse to stay in any Trump hotel — because their maids always vacuum too early.

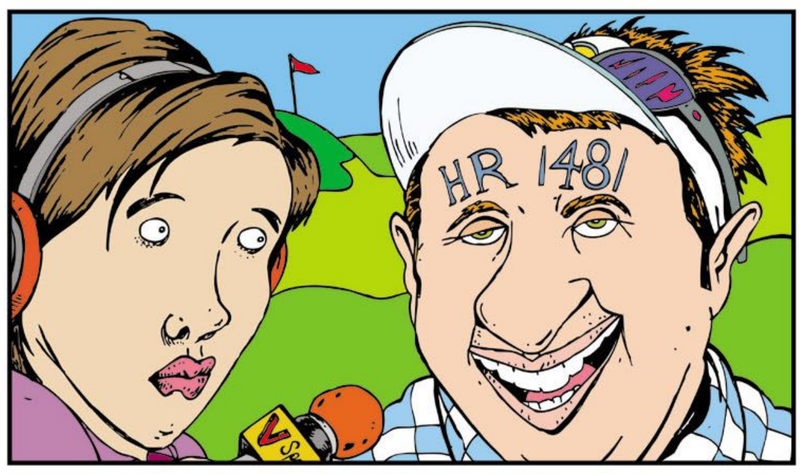
CHUCK BLASTEMA

After reading a biography of Muhammad Ali, the Drabview Hills High School quarterback was so inspired that he announced he won't fight in Vietnam, should America ever decide to invade again.



YERTLE KAHOUTEK

This Edmonton Emus player (2012 MVP runner-up in the Canadian Seniors' Rugby Conglomerate) was fined for wearing a patch depicting Pluto, but says he'll continue to wear it until it's officially reinstated as a planet.

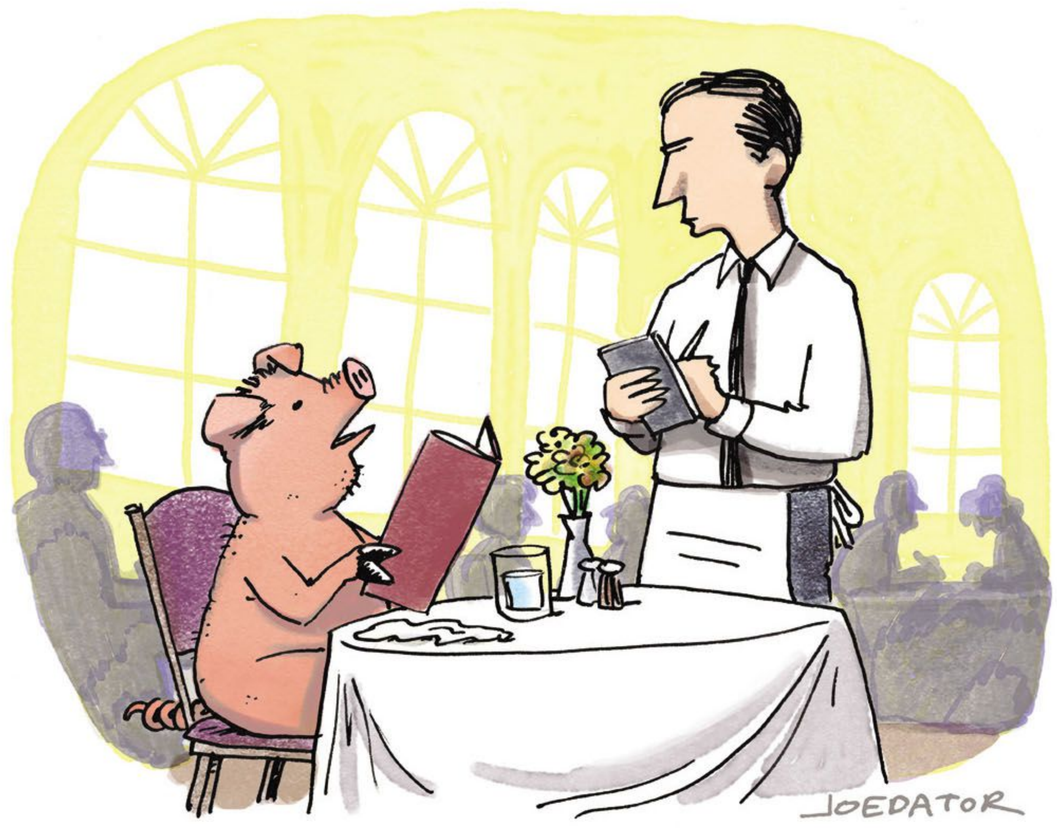


CLEM SILICOSIS

Why does this unranked PGA golfer have a tattoo reading "H.R.1481" on his forehead? Because he wants Americans to know about House Resolution 1481, which would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as section 179 property and classify certain automated fire sprinkler system retrofits as 15-year property for purposes of depreciation. That's why.

Writer: Jeff Kruse Artist: Kevin Pope

Save the Dator



Writer and Artist: Joe Dator

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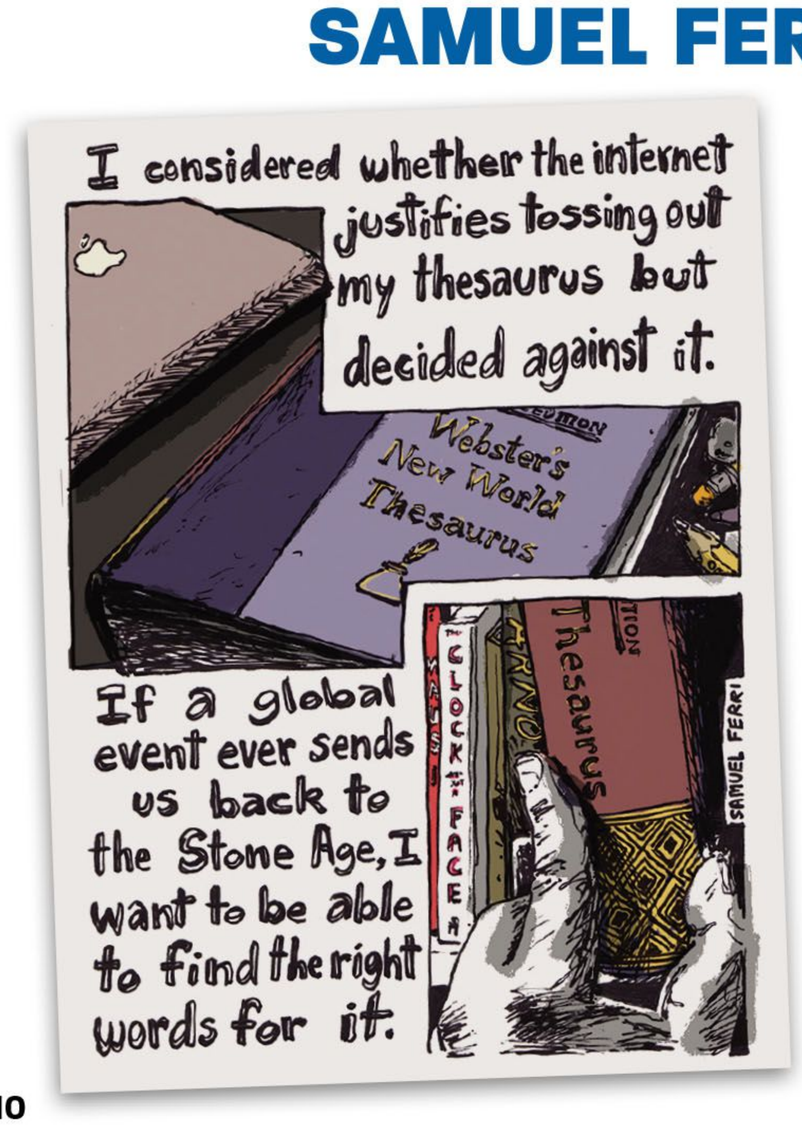
SAMUEL FERRI'S MISCONNECTED MOMENTS


I considered whether the internet justifies tossing out my thesaurus but decided against it.
Webster's New World Thesaurus
If a global event ever sends us back to the Stone Age, I want to be able to find the right words for it.
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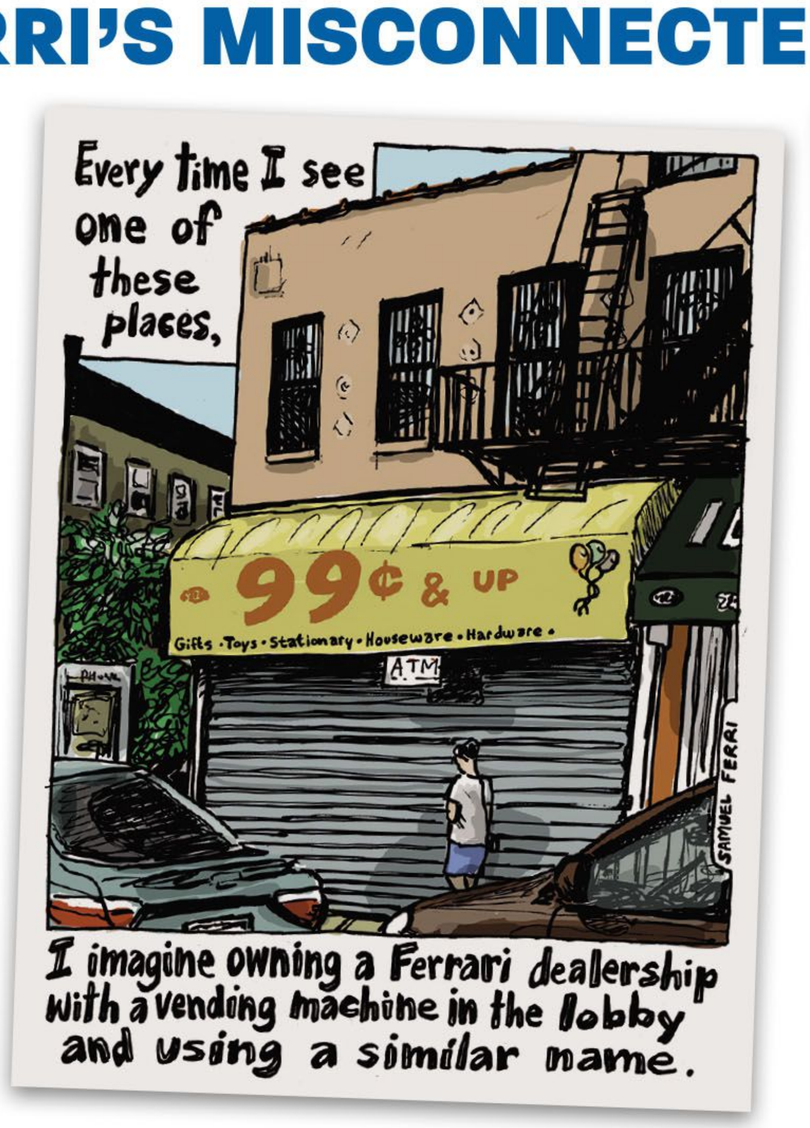
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I imagine owning a Ferrari dealership with a vending machine in the lobby and using a similar name.

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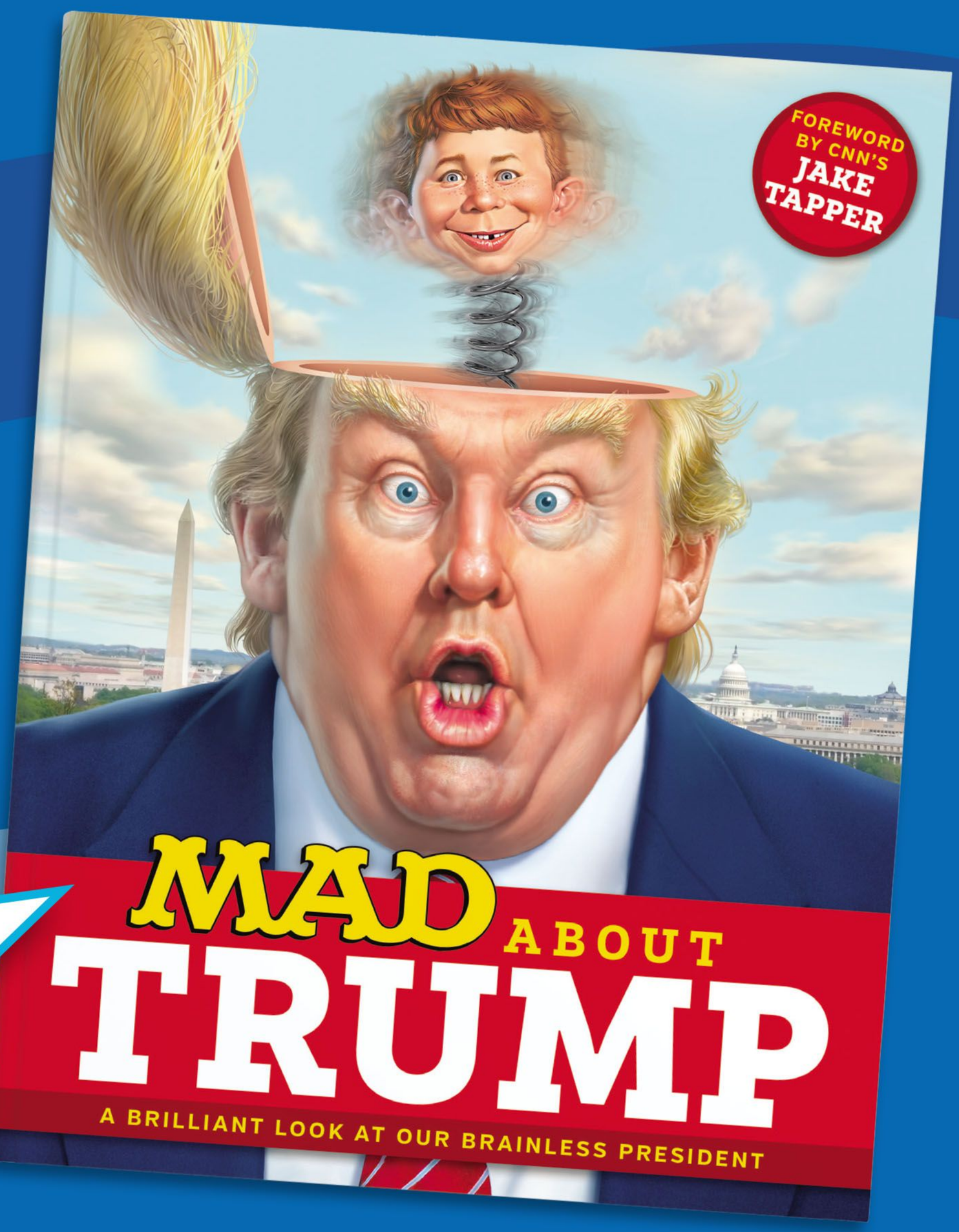

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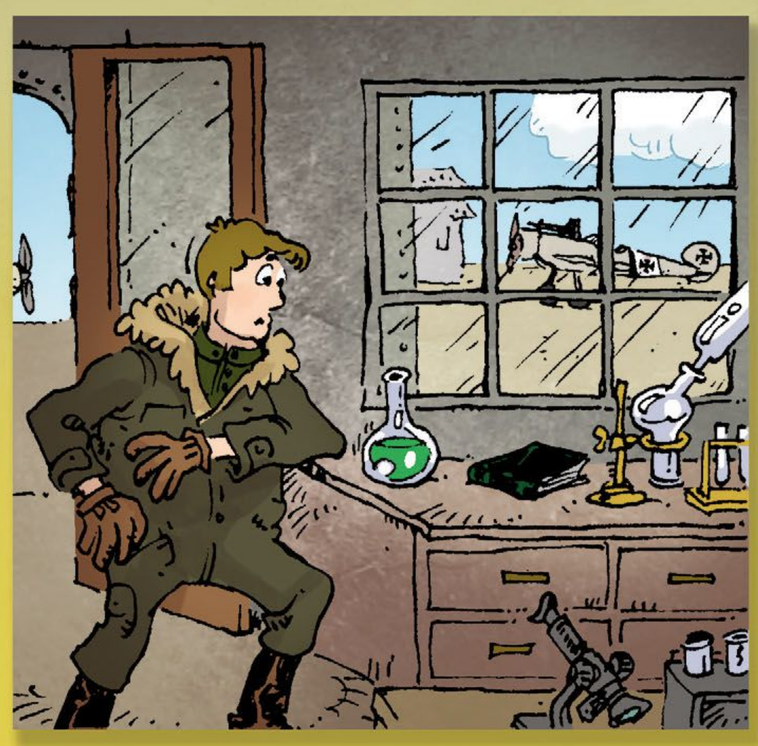

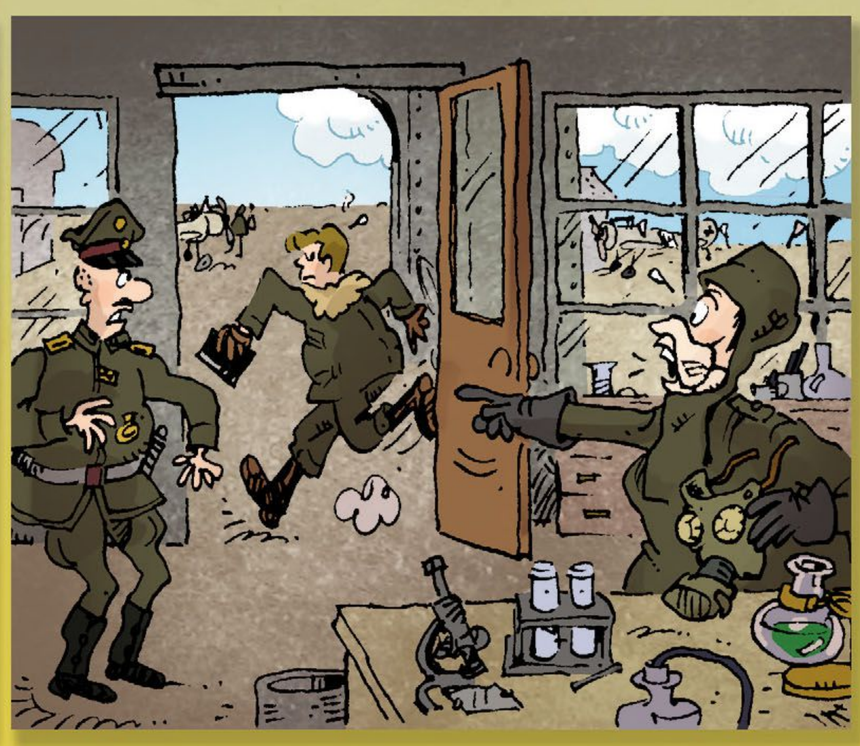

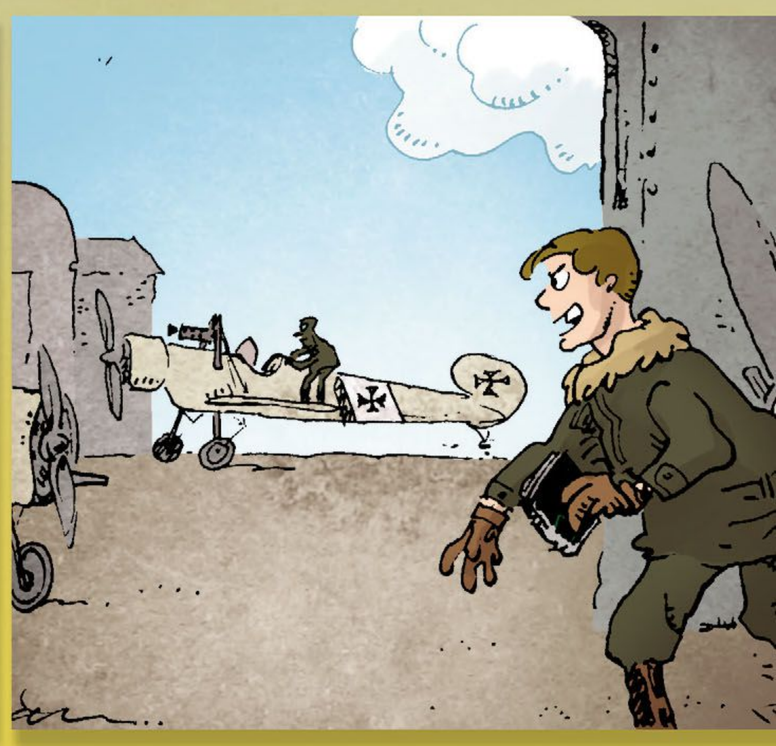

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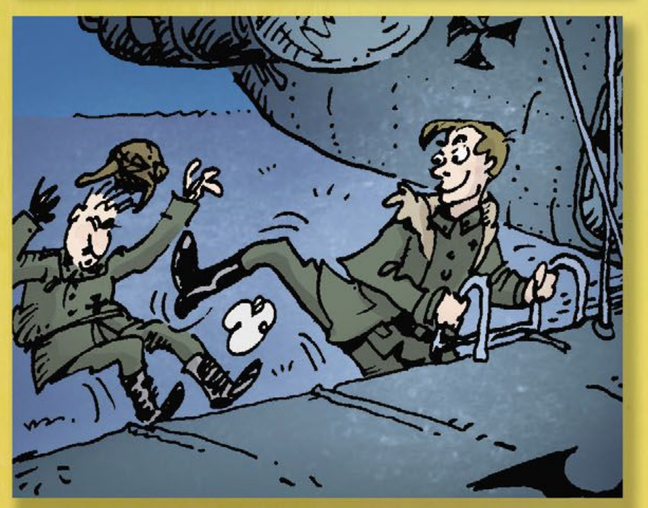

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JAMES AND THE GIANT IMPEACH DEPT.

A series of memos written earlier this year by former FBI Director James Comey described serious and questionable statements and actions made by President Trump during their meetings. What they didn't include, however, were these even more explosive revelations, which MAD is leaking here for the first time as...

STATEMENTS FROM THE

As I entered, he was wrapping up a **photo op** with some **Boy Scouts**, with whom he had just shared **all** of the **nuclear launch codes**.

He **then** asked if I could somehow make it that **all female bureau agents** wear selections from the **Ivanka fashion line** exclusively…

His deal was **simple:** drop the case against **Mike Flynn** and the job hosting ***Celebrity Apprentice*** was **mine**.

…also in this meeting were **Jared Kushner**, a **dwarf** in a **kilt** and **Baba Booey** from the **Howard Stern program**.

Then, appearing to be speaking to **no one** in **particular**, the President **wistfully wondered** if it was possible to **fabricate DNA evidence** to show that **Eric** wasn't really **his** son…

I thought it was an **odd question**: "What kind of **money** are we talking about to **take out Jake Tapper?**"

When I mentioned it seemed that the **smell** of **boiling cabbage** had **permeated** the Oval Office, Mr. Trump's one-word response was "**Bannon**."

Making reference to my **6'8" height**, President Trump insisted it was **he** who originated the phrase "**a tall drink of water."** He then **also** took credit for inventing the phrases "**Prime the pump**," "Thank God it's Friday," and "**YOLO**."

~~REDACTED~~ COMEY MEMOS

ARTIST:
TOM RICHMOND

His **thinly-veiled** threat was **chilling**: "I could stand in the **middle** of the Oval Office and **shoot** the Director of the FBI in the **head** and I wouldn't **lose voters**."

He seemed **surprised** when I confessed to not knowing the **overnight ratings** for ***Dancing with the Stars***.

...at which point he took out a **solid gold yo-yo** and floundered through a **pathetic** "walk the dog." He then proclaimed himself "the **greatest** yo-yo guy **ever**" and urged me to "just ask **anyone**."

He spoke at length about "**outdated**" and "**lame**" laws preventing Americans from **marrying** their **daughters**.

20 minutes into **my briefing** he asked me, "**Which** one are **you** again?"

Despite the President's **assurances** that dessert consisted of "the **most beautiful** piece of chocolate cake that you've **ever** seen," I found it to be "**meh**."

At one point, the President said, "Even my **farts** smell **great**" — and then he **farted** to prove it. I didn't have the **courage** to tell him how **wrong** he was.

The **loyalty oath** Mr. Trump demanded I take sounded as if it was **directly plagiarized** from the **opening theme** to the ***Friends*** TV show.

Suddenly he **blurted out**, "Who knew sharing **highly classified intel** with the Russians would be **so complicated?**"

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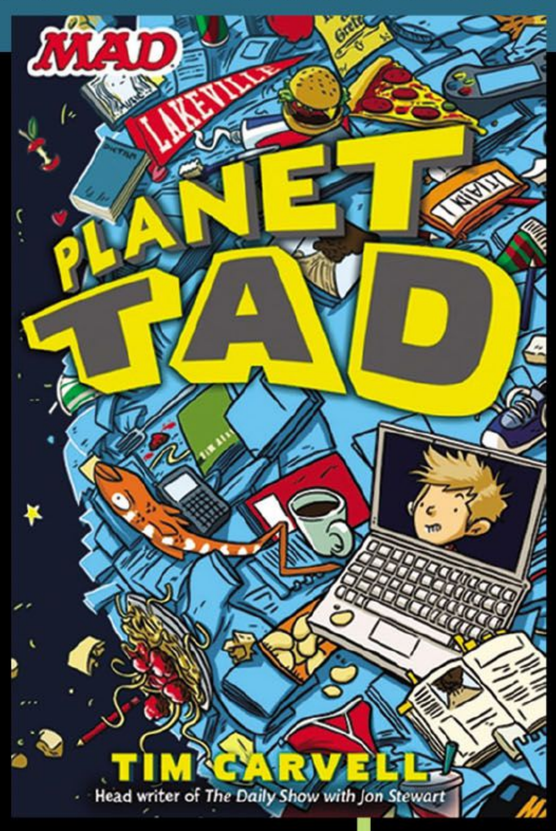

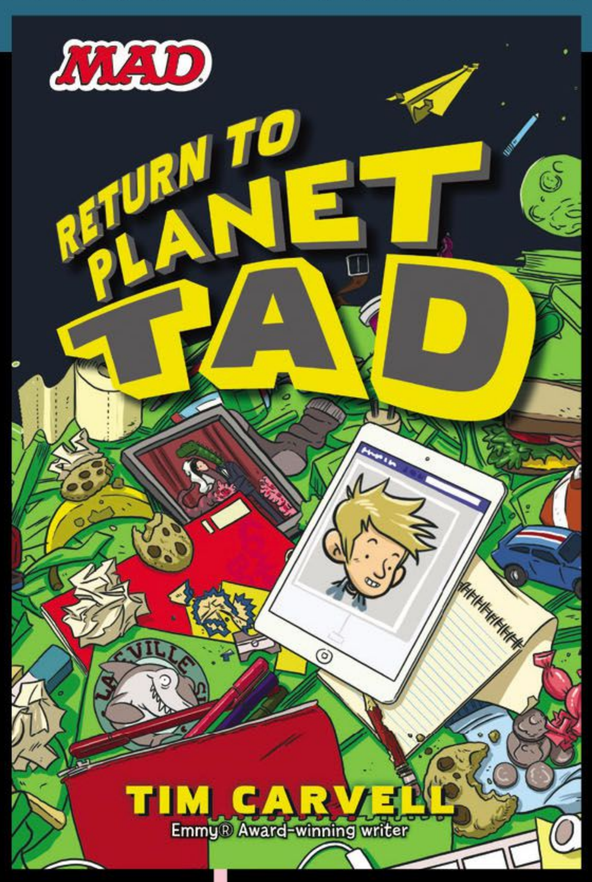

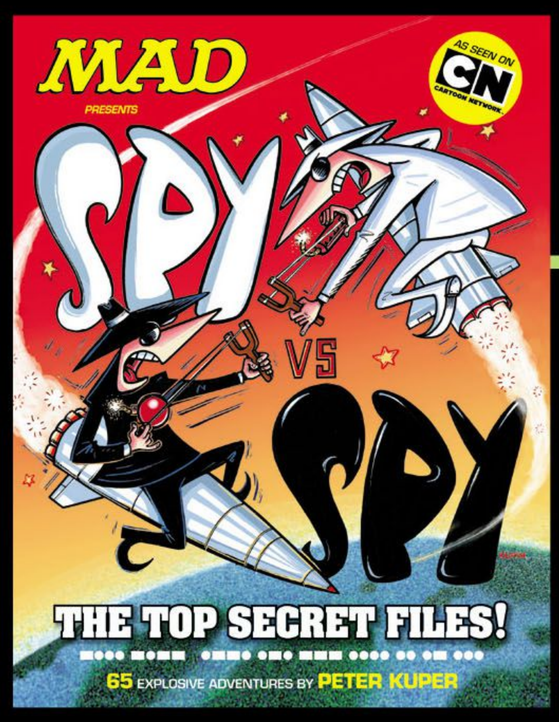

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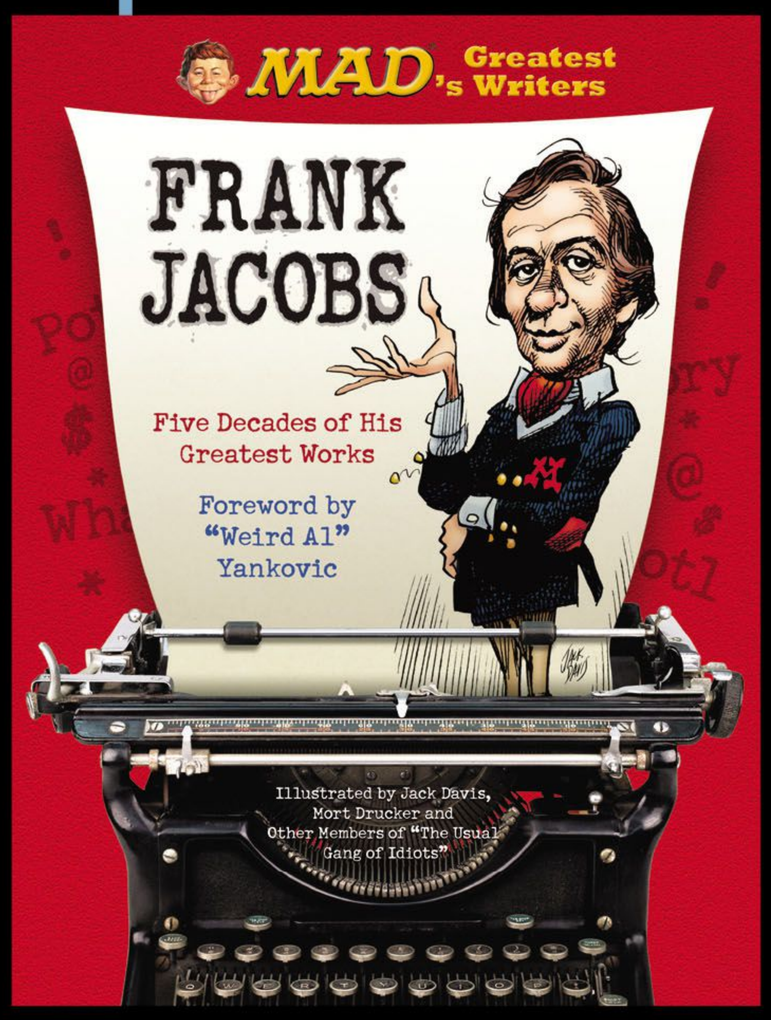
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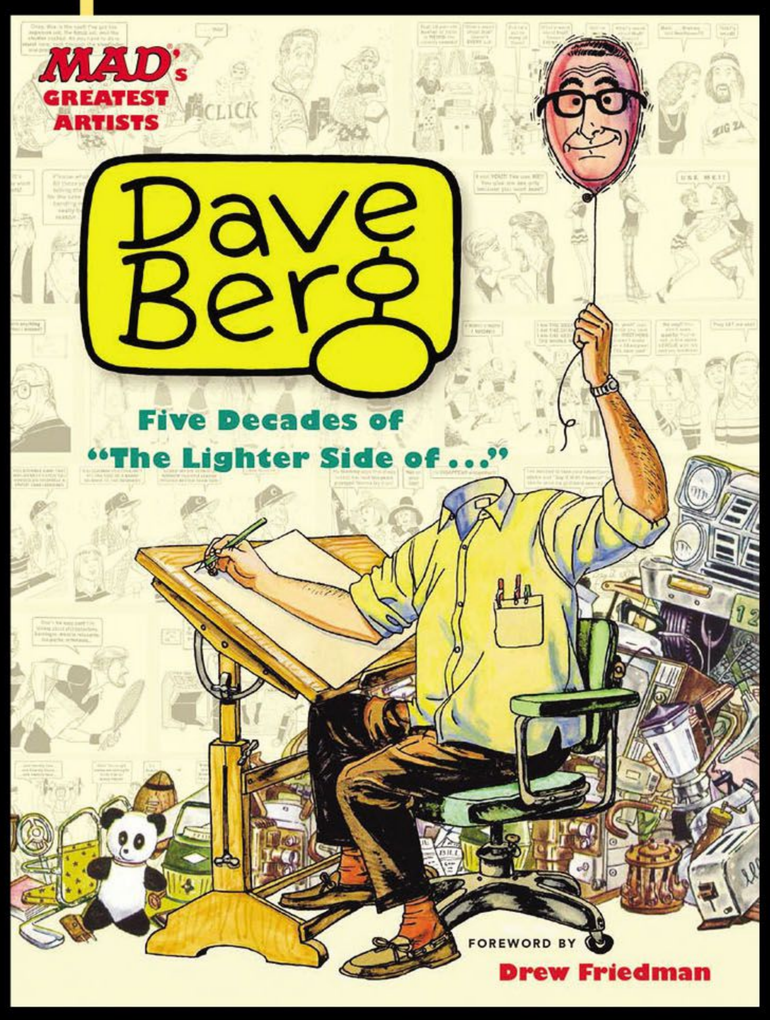

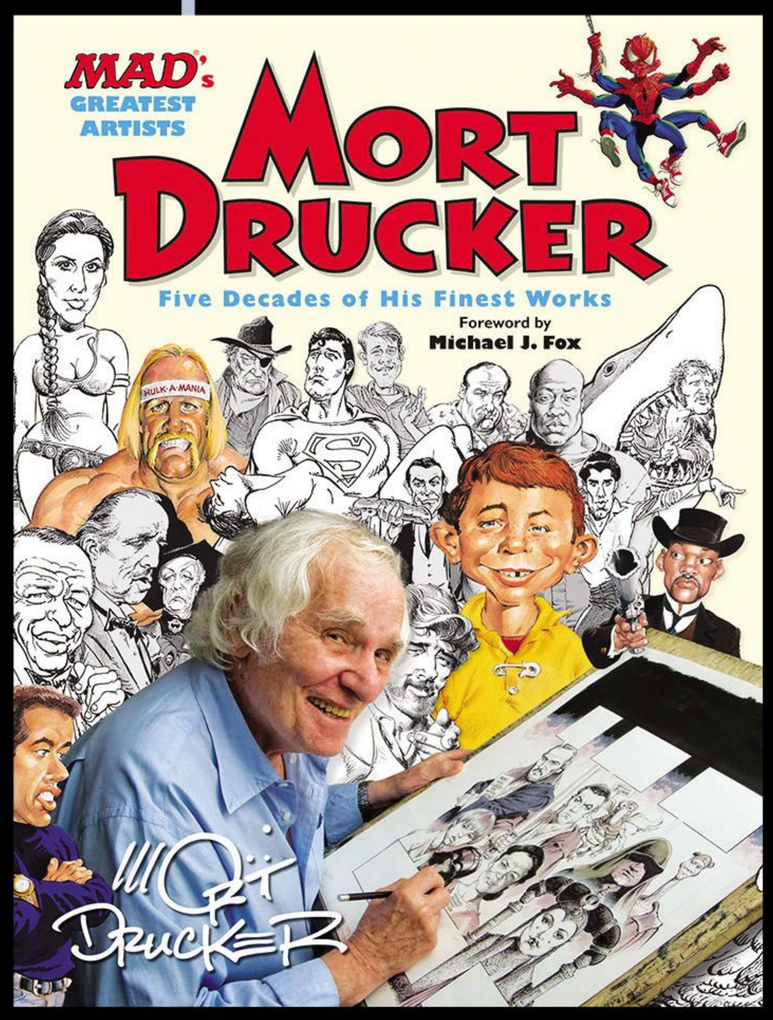

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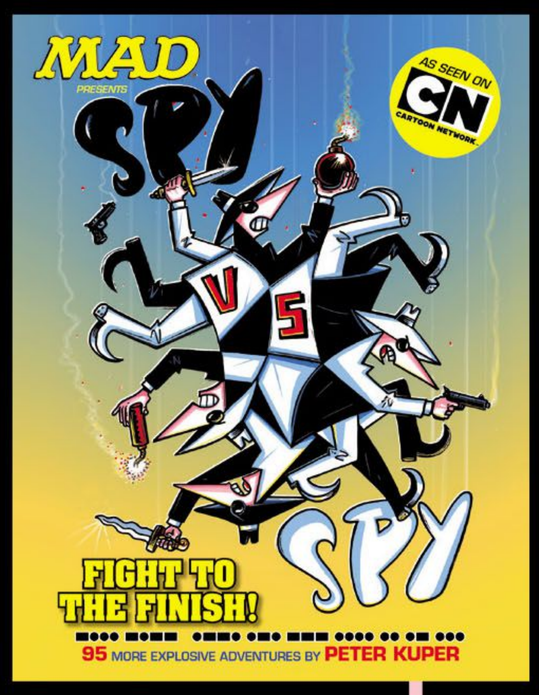

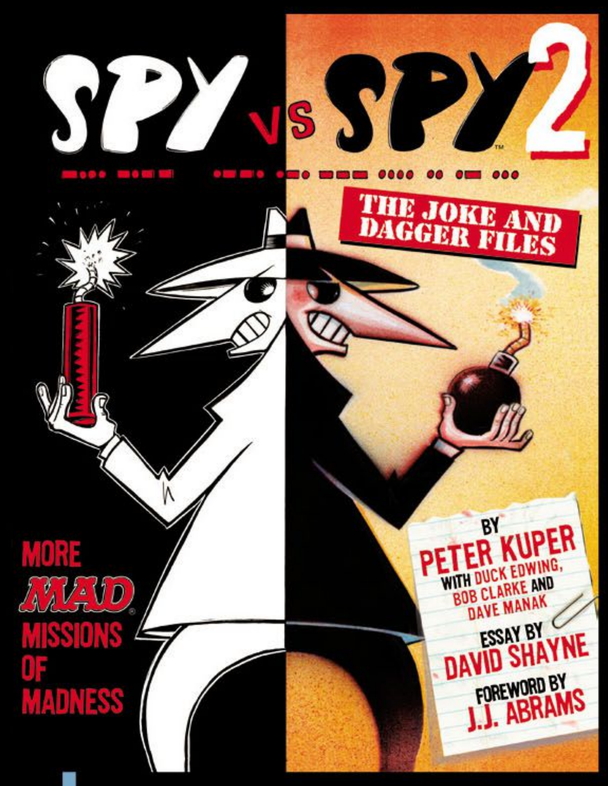
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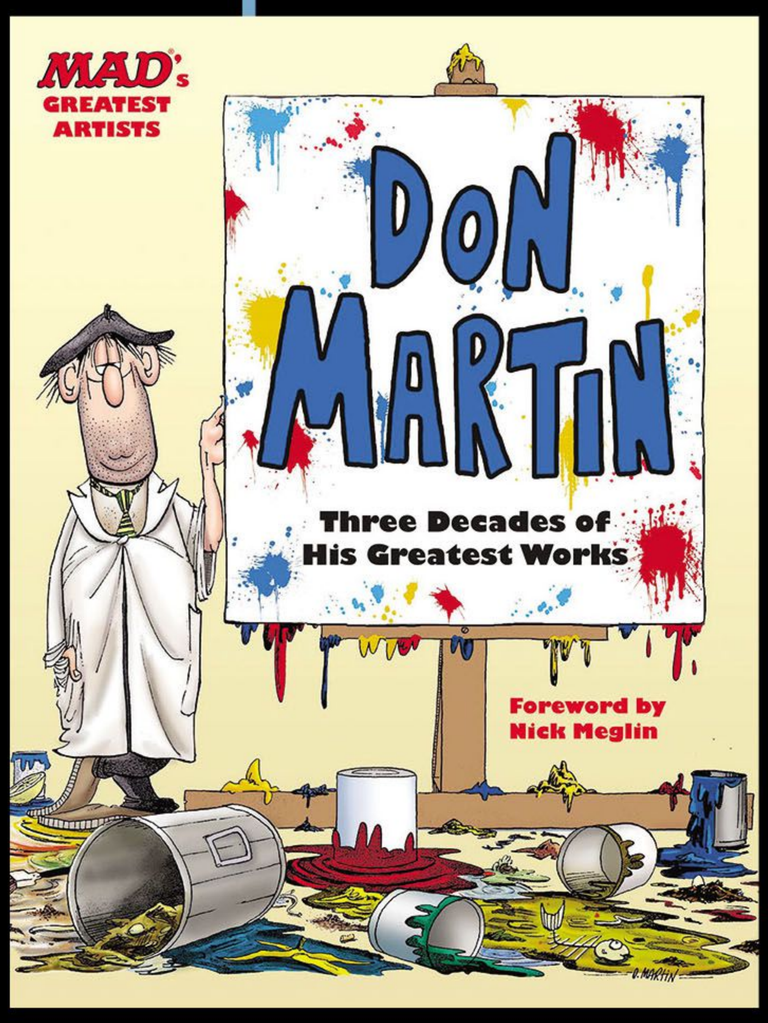

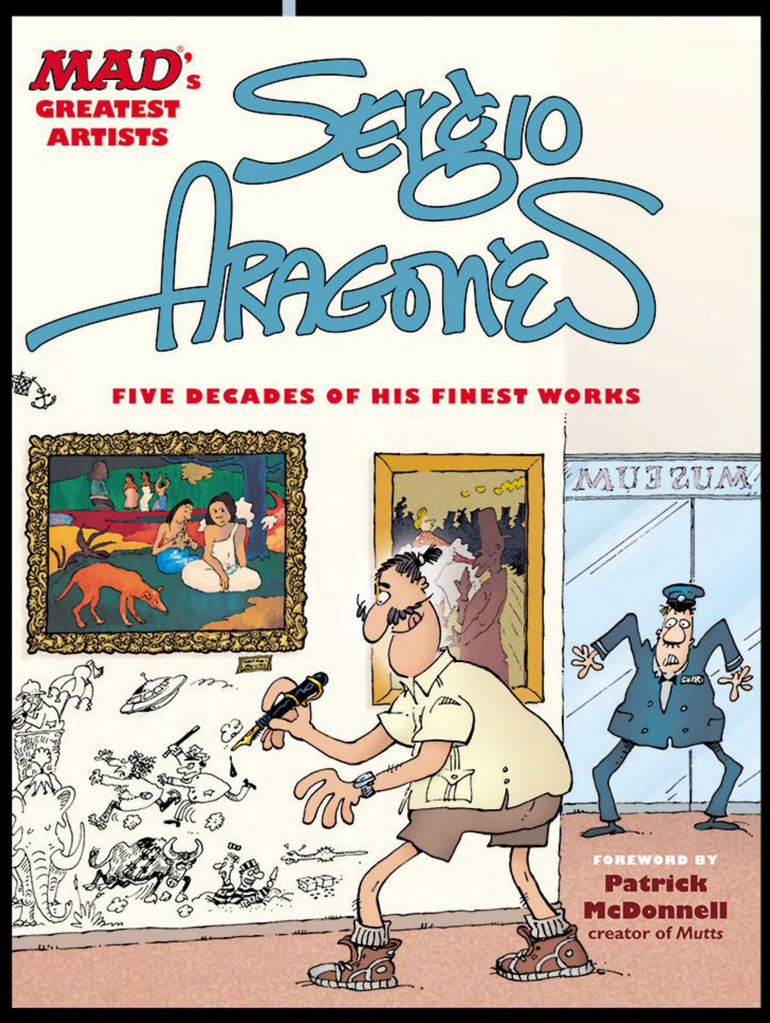

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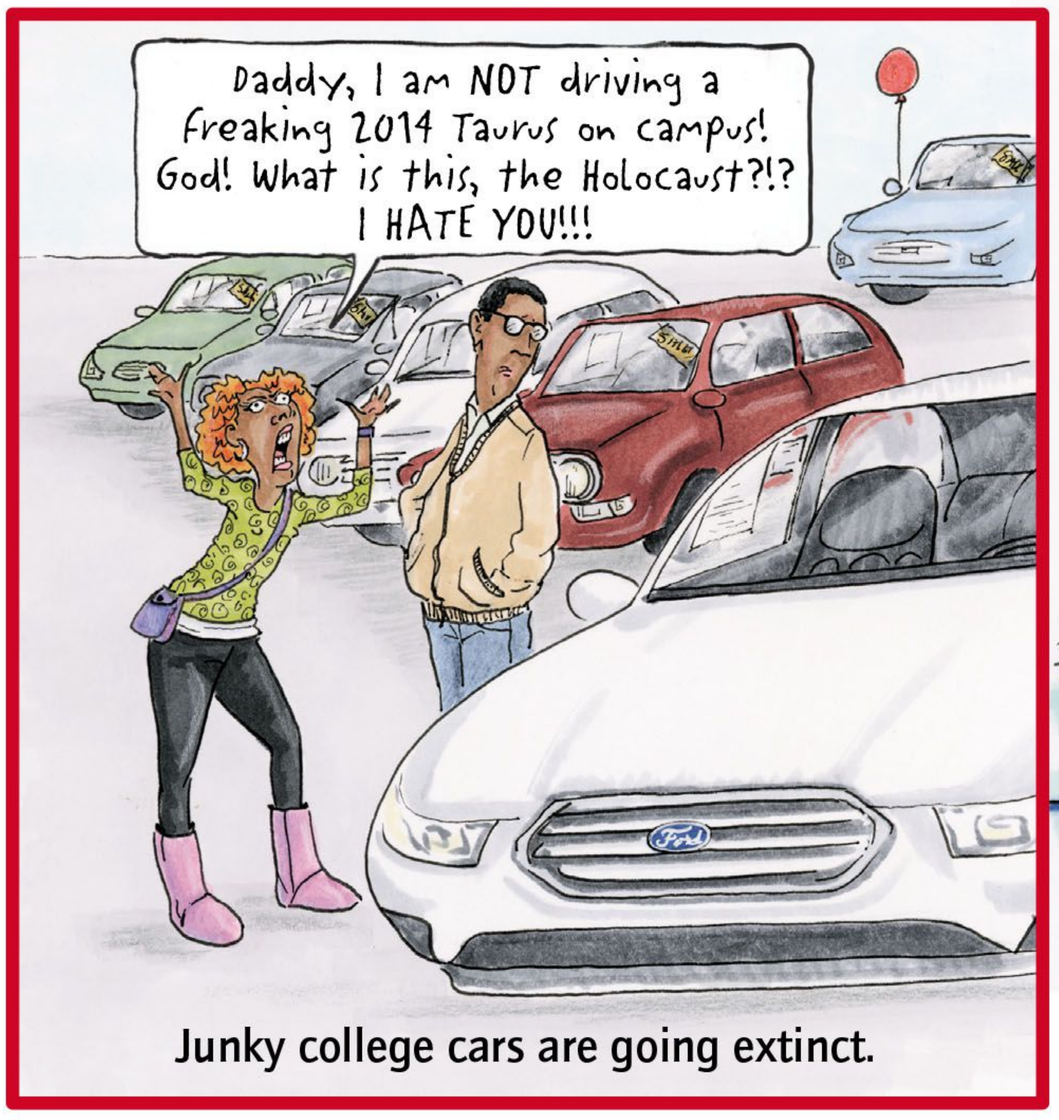
Signs That AMERICAN

There are two things you should know about most Americans — one, they've got it pretty good, and two, they think they deserve better! If you don't believe us, just read on — because as MAD readers, you *don't* have it so good, and you *don't* deserve better!

Suddenly, it seems that beggars, in fact, *can* be choosers.

A teenager would rather have a case of cystic acne than an iPhone 6.



Junky college cars are going extinct.

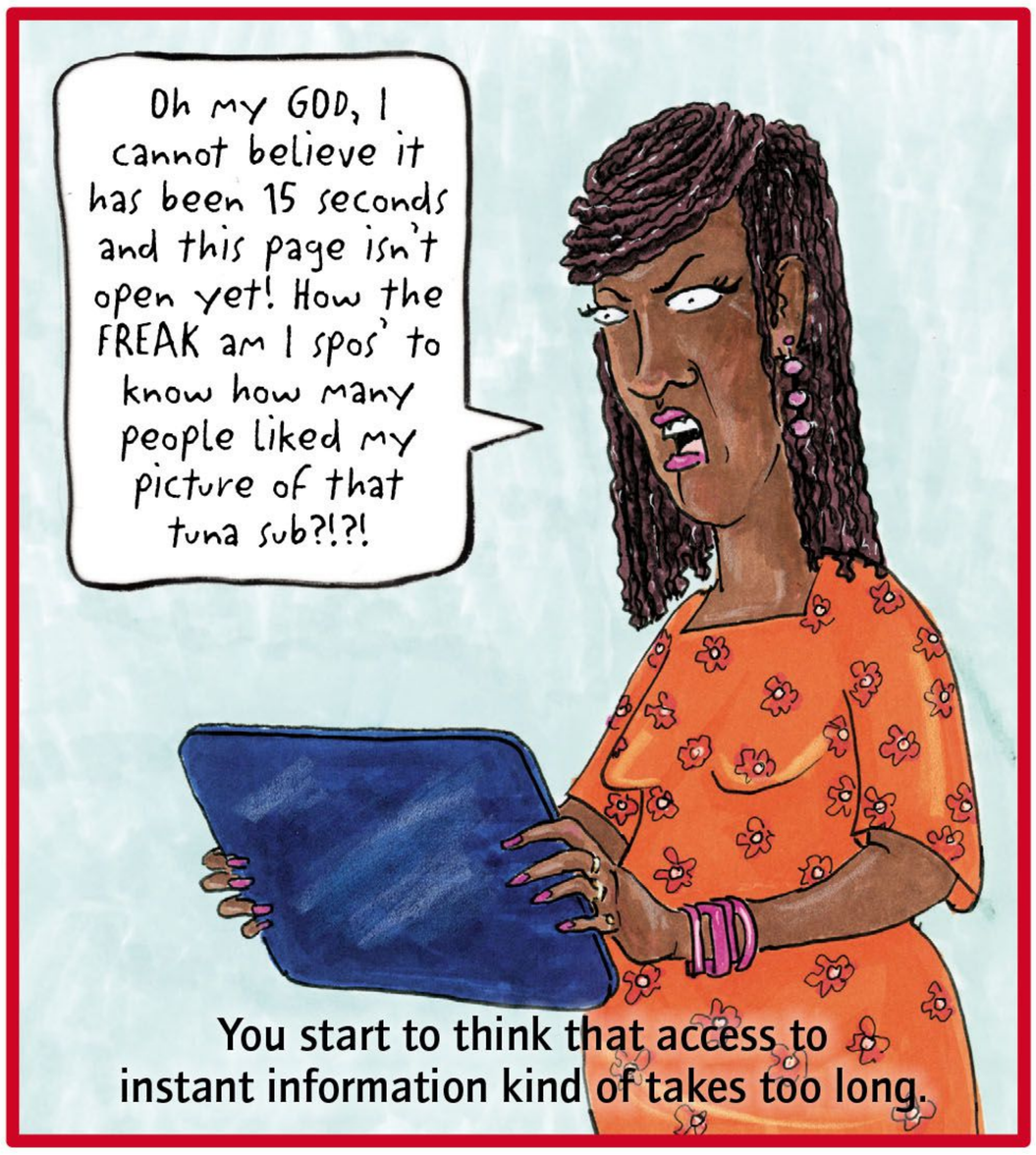
You think that maintaining your morbid obesity is a natural right.

ENTITLEMENT

Has Gone Too Far

So they're having it in Tanzania — of course — because it sounds so much like "Tanya and Zak," and with the rehearsal dinner, day-after brunch and two-days-after champagne send-off, that's a total of four nights and eight outfits. Oh, and a sitter for Hamcakes. And a gift.
Okay, I'll look into a second mortgage...

Couples think it's okay to make *attending* a wedding as expensive as having one.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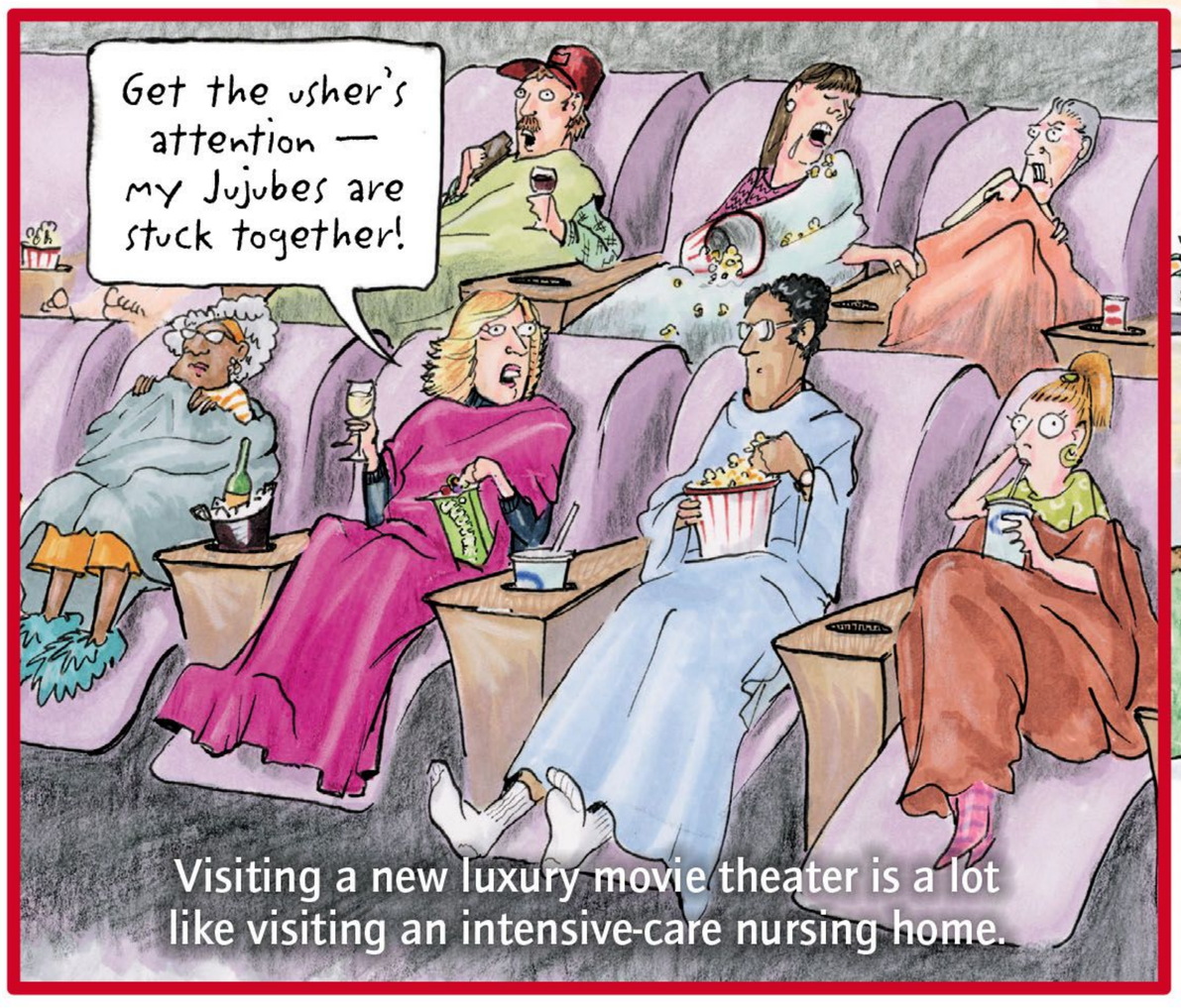

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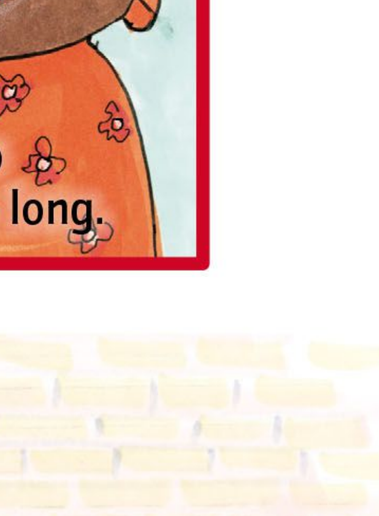

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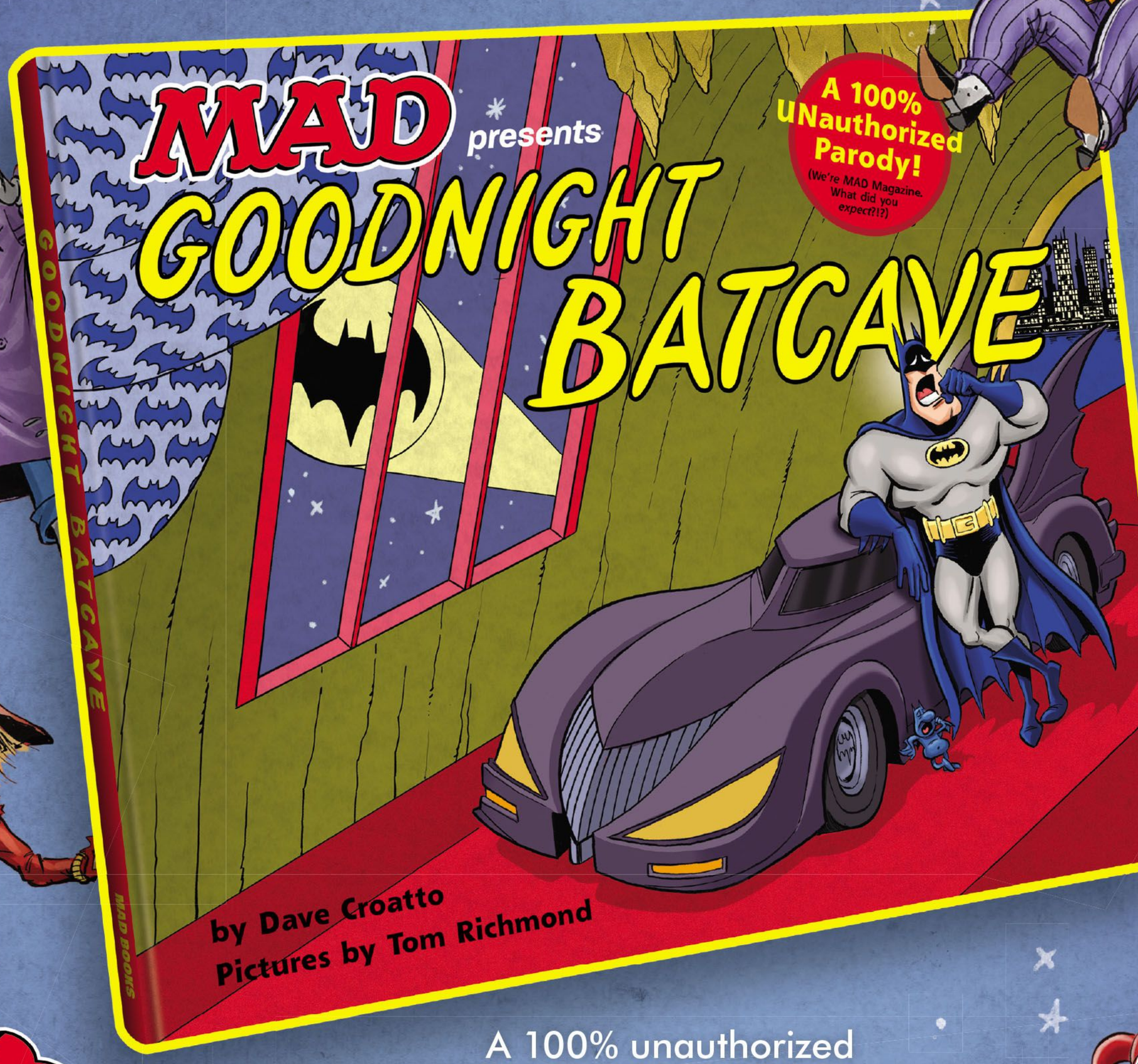

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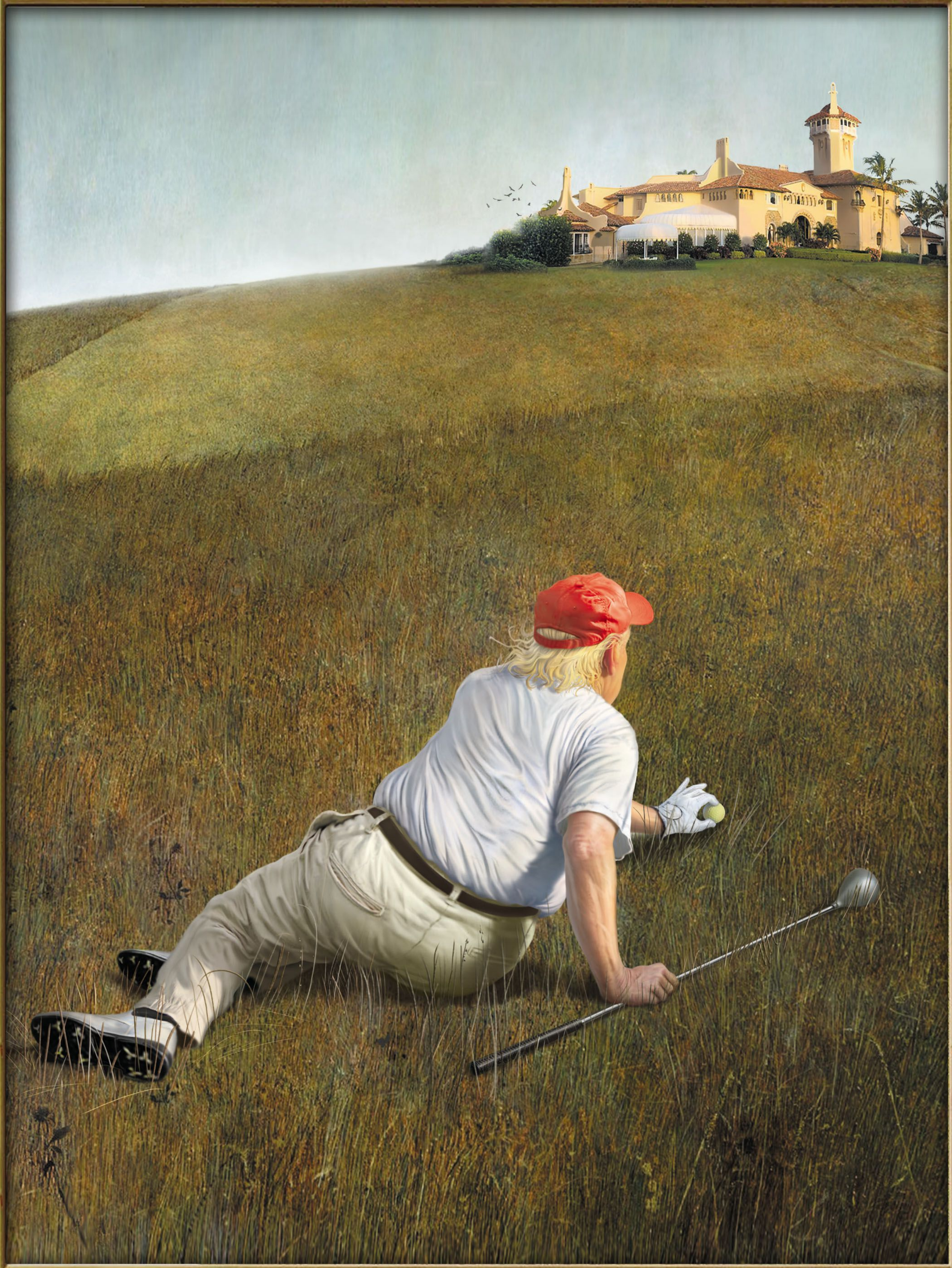

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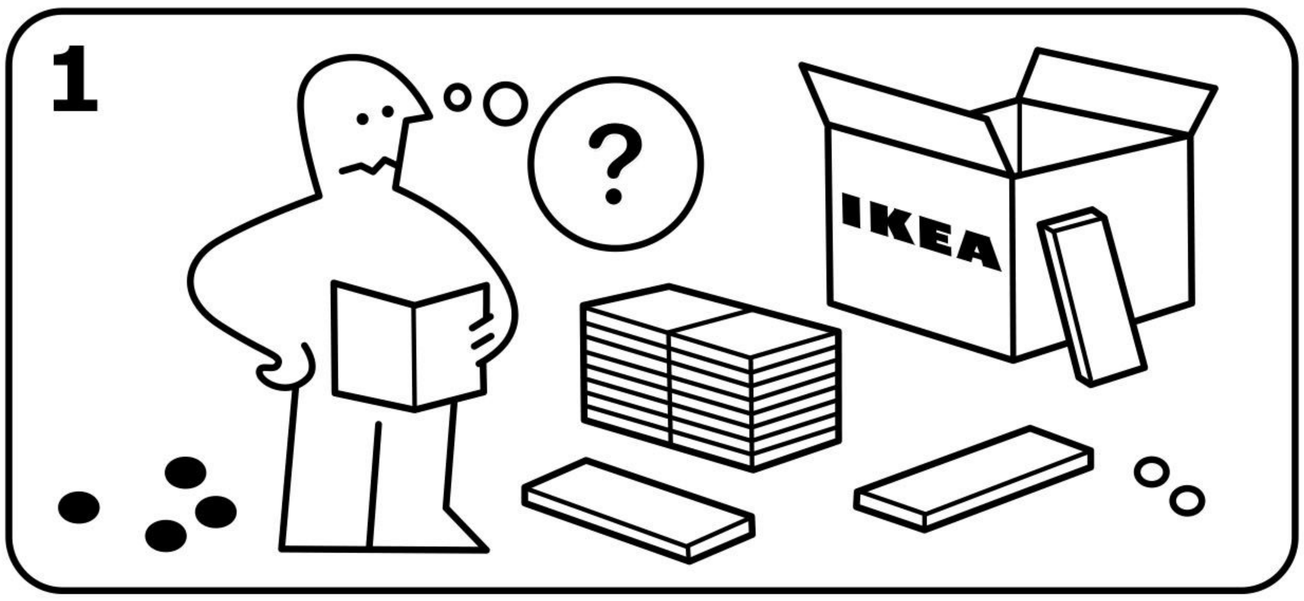
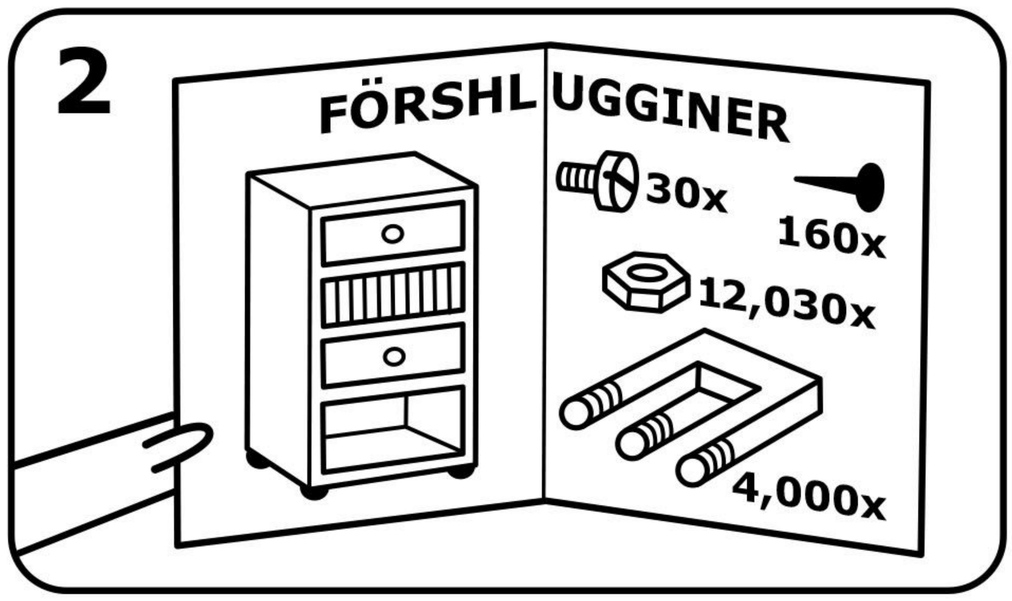
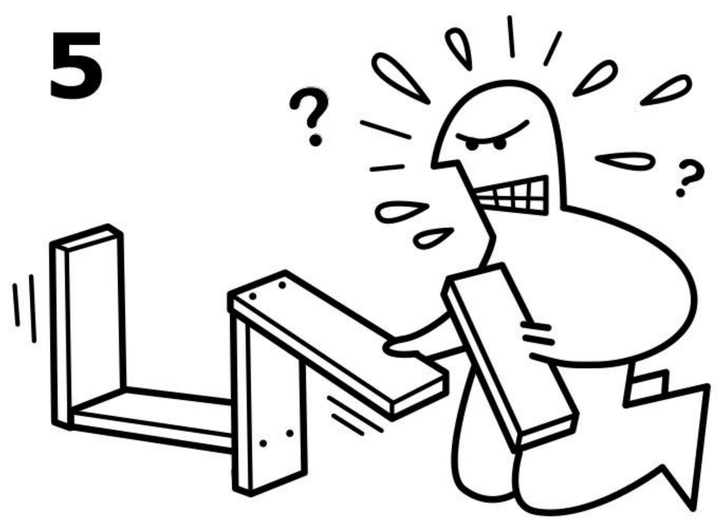
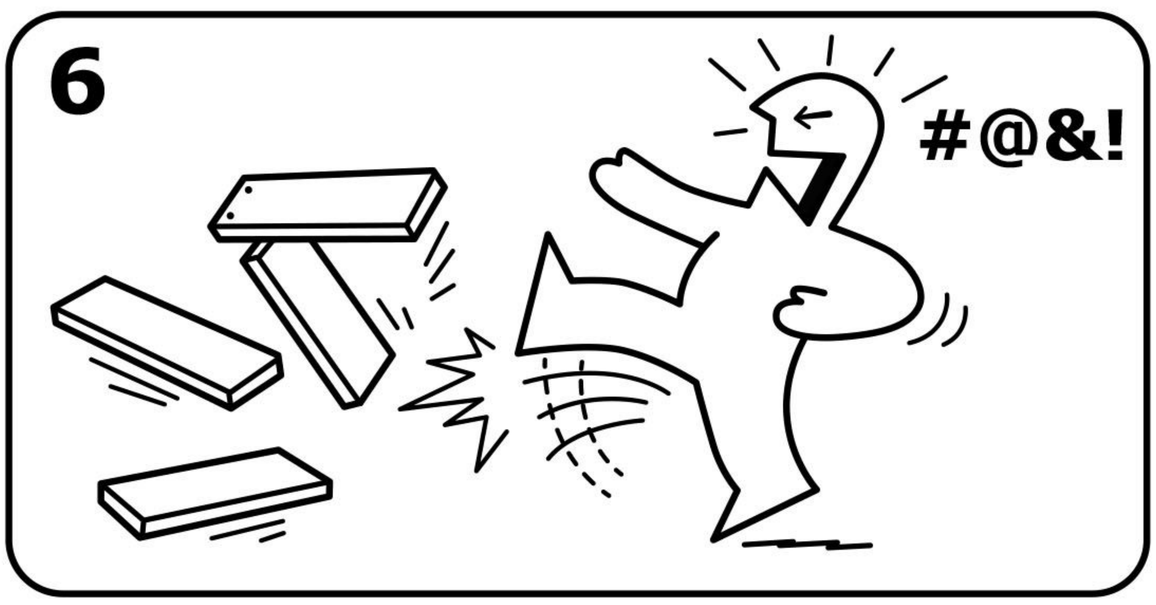
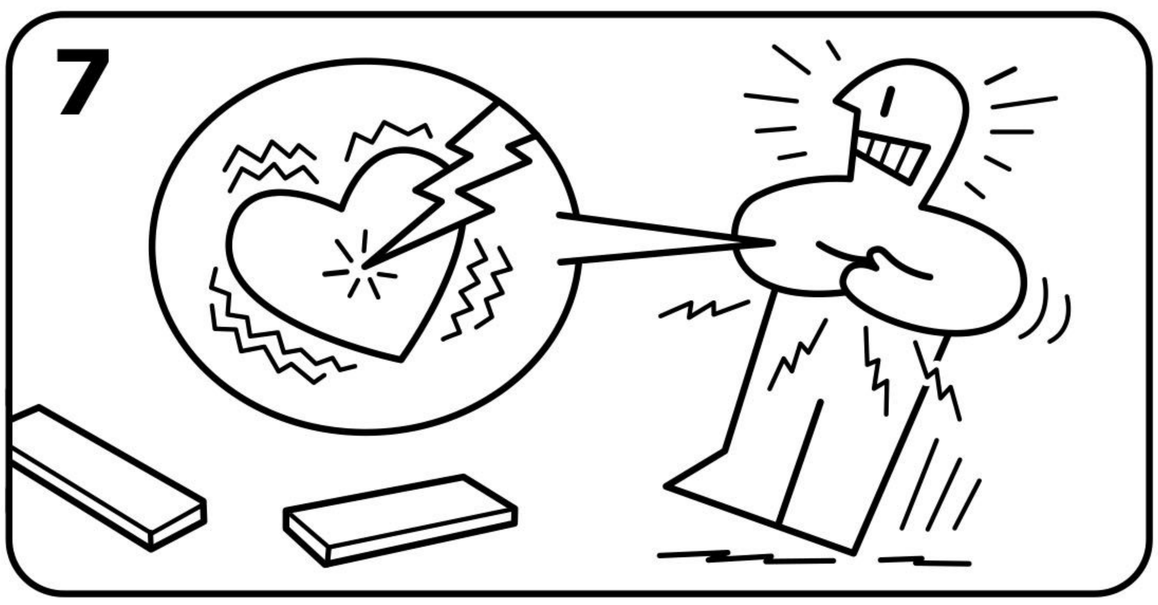
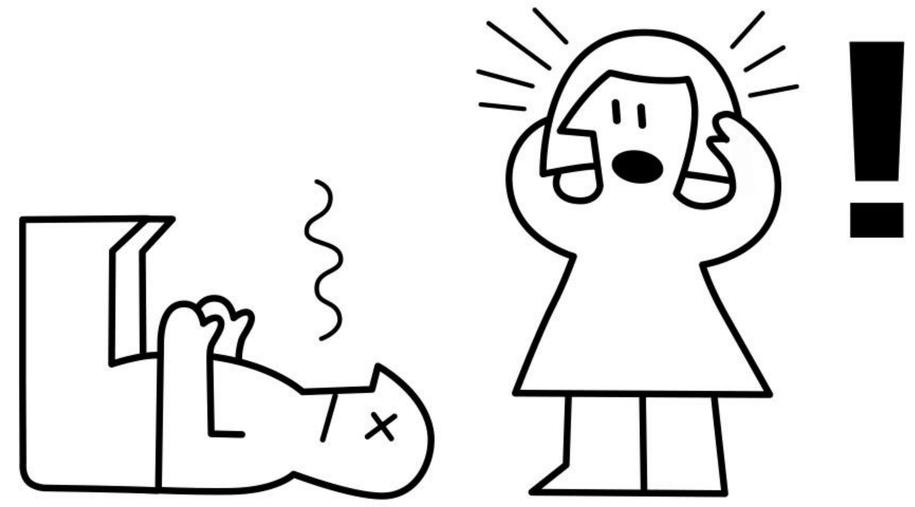


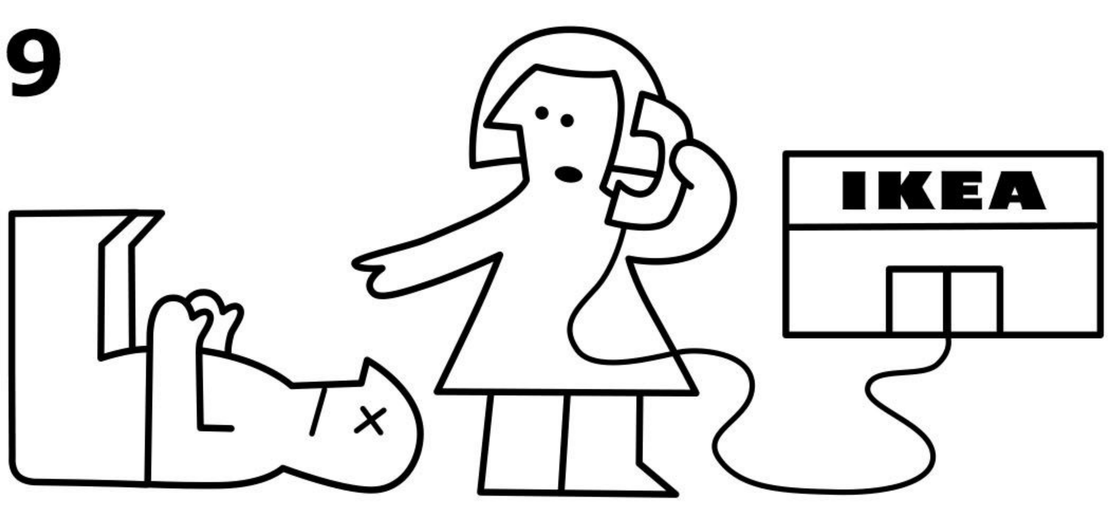


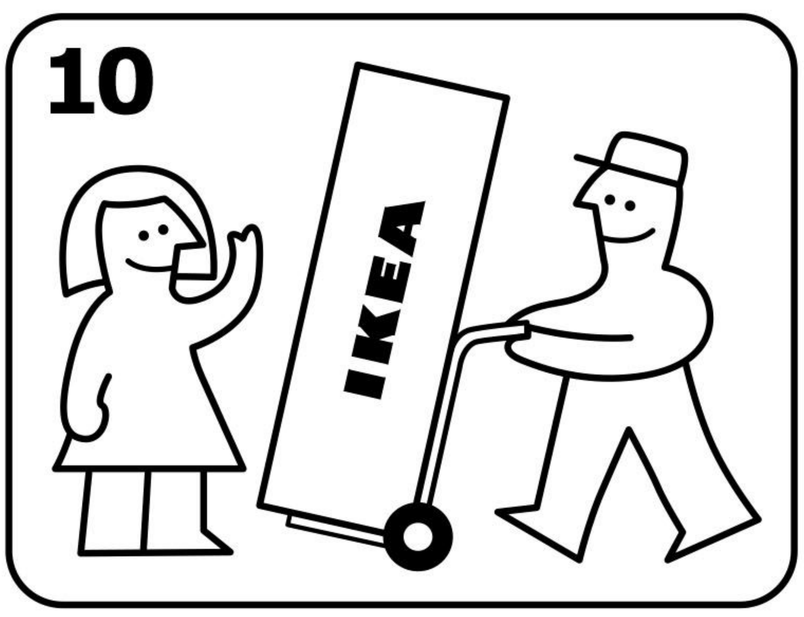


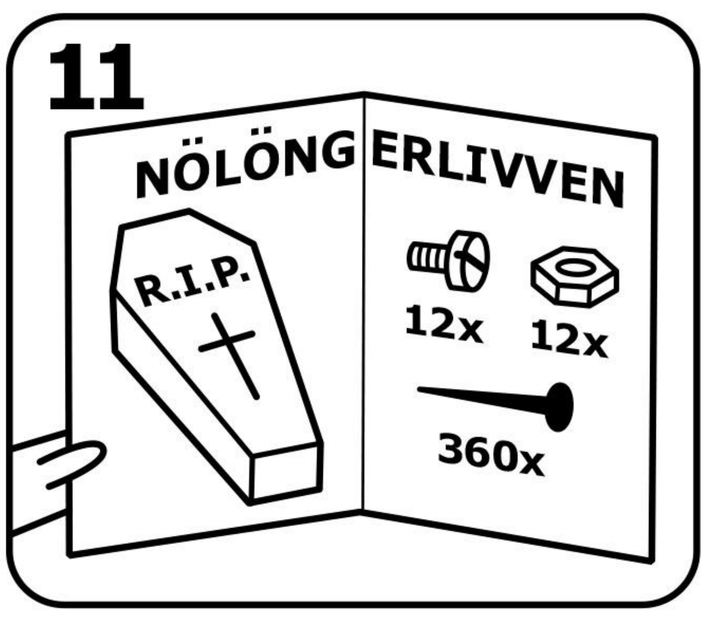


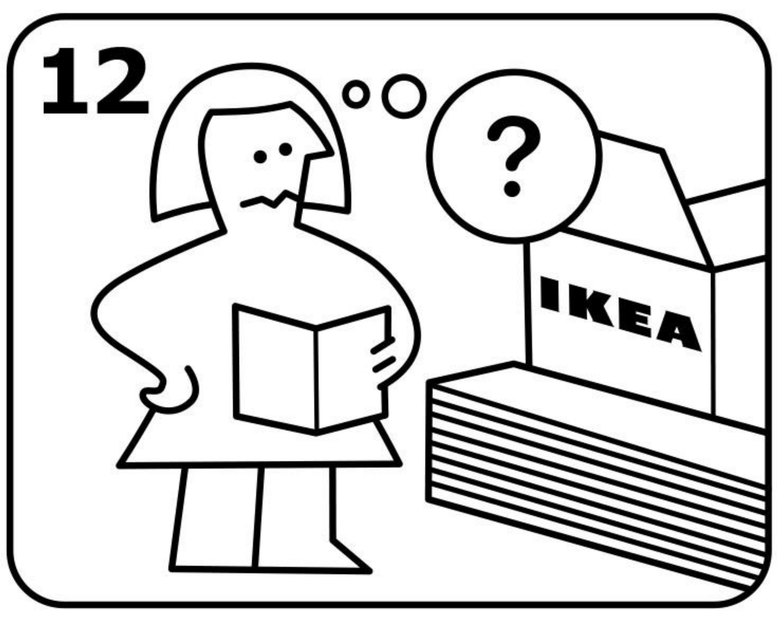












WRITER: CHRISTIAN ALSIS ARTIST: PATRICK MERRELL

THE PLANE TRUTH DEPT.

AN AIRLINE CARRIERS' CU

(THAT TELLS IT LIKE IT IS)

STOMER SERVICE PLEDGE

By signing this official-looking, totally meaningless document, we, the CEOs of the four major American air carriers, hereby pledge the following:

- Overbooking is a thing of the past! We will sell only as many tickets as there are seats on the plane, plus a handful more to the hard-of-hearing, who we're betting won't hear the "last boarding call" announcement and miss the flight.

- Effective immediately, no one will be "bumped" from a flight. A few passengers, however, may be issued an exciting "alternate boarding pass" which guarantees they will earn many, many more frequent flyer miles than they might have otherwise, had they flown nonstop as previously planned.

- An absolute maximum of five passengers per airline, per flight, may be removed from a plane once they've been seated. To ensure safety and comfort, passengers will be dragged off by the arms only, and by specially-trained baggage handlers. Note: To ensure passenger privacy while being dragged, the captain will turn on the "No Smart Phone Recording" light.

- When passengers are asked to give up seats, greatly increased compensation will eventually be offered. Please note: If passengers refuse our initial lowball offer, the crew or even the pilots may accept our higher offer and leave the plane, resulting in a canceled flight.

- Effective immediately, if the overhead bins are full by the time you board, we will, at no charge, "gate-check" your bag — meaning that we will leave it at the gate for you to conveniently pick up on your return trip. This is our way of demonstrating to you the great value of our $50-per-bag check fee.

- To show appreciation to our loyal customers, we're delaying the implementation of our $35 seatbelt fee indefinitely — though our $25 seatbelt buckle fee slated for next month will proceed as planned.

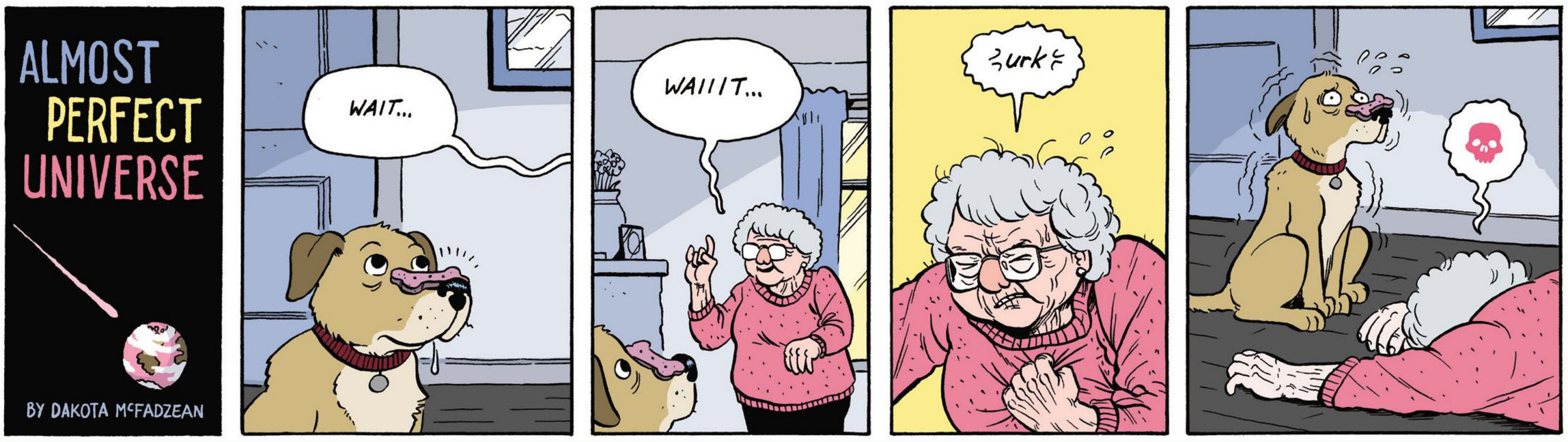
We understand that as travelers, you have a choice! After all, we, the four major U.S. airlines, control just 98.2% of all domestic flights. So if you're unhappy with the way we treat you, you do have almost a two percent chance of finding another airline to get you to your destination. Good luck with that!

Remember, we're working together toward a single, monopolistic, consumer-friendly airline. We're just battling over the official name of it!

Sincerely,
"Your friends at American, United, Delta and Southwest"

American Airlines UNITED DELTA Southwest

THE STRIP CLUB POW!



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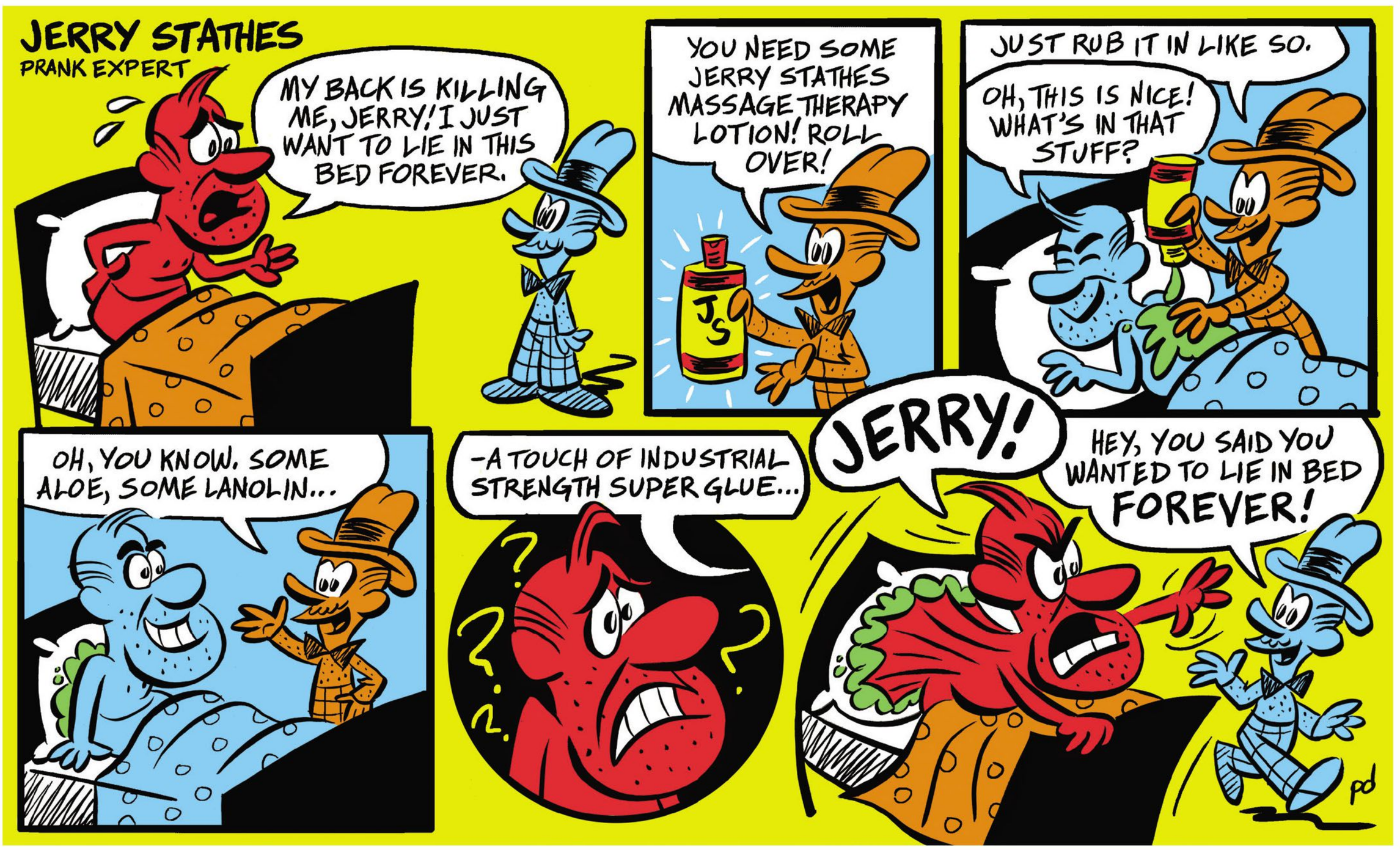
JERRY STATHES
PRANK EXPERT
MY BACK IS KILLING ME, JERRY! I JUST WANT TO LIE IN THIS BED FOREVER.
YOU NEED SOME JERRY STATHES MASSAGE THERAPY LOTION! ROLL OVER!
JS
JUST RUB IT IN LIKE SO.
OH, THIS IS NICE! WHAT'S IN THAT STUFF?
OH, YOU KNOW. SOME ALOE, SOME LANOLIN...
-A TOUCH OF INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH SUPER GLUE...
JERRY!
HEY, YOU SAID YOU WANTED TO LIE IN BED FOREVER!
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CHARLES BRUBAKER & PAT DORIAN

FULLY BENT

Make one a vanilla soy and one a foamy skim.

Maybe I'm going to Starbucks too much.

JIM BENTON

Scribble Mountain

Boy! I could sure go for some Kool-aid.

OH YE--

KKSSHHH!

Anyone else hear that?

JOHN MCNAMEE

HOW'S MY DRIVING?

OH LORD, HELP ME BEAT THAT OUTLAW I'M ABOUT TO FACE IN THIS HERE DUEL.

HEY, SHERIFF! WHAT'S GOING ON?

IT'S YOU! MY PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED. COME WITH ME!

YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE NOW, YOU NO GOOD WEASEL! DRAW!

POW!

UGH. WHAT HAPPENED? YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ME, LORD!

LORD?!

ZEKE, YOU COMIN' BACK IN FOR YOUR HAIRCUT? YOU'RE GETTIN' YOUR APRON DIRTY.

BE RIGHT THERE.

THAT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD. I'D START PRAYING IF I WERE YOU.

COOPER

NATHAN COOPER

THE STRIP CLUB

HOW TO RED
COLLEGE

ALL DEBTS ARE OFF DEPT.

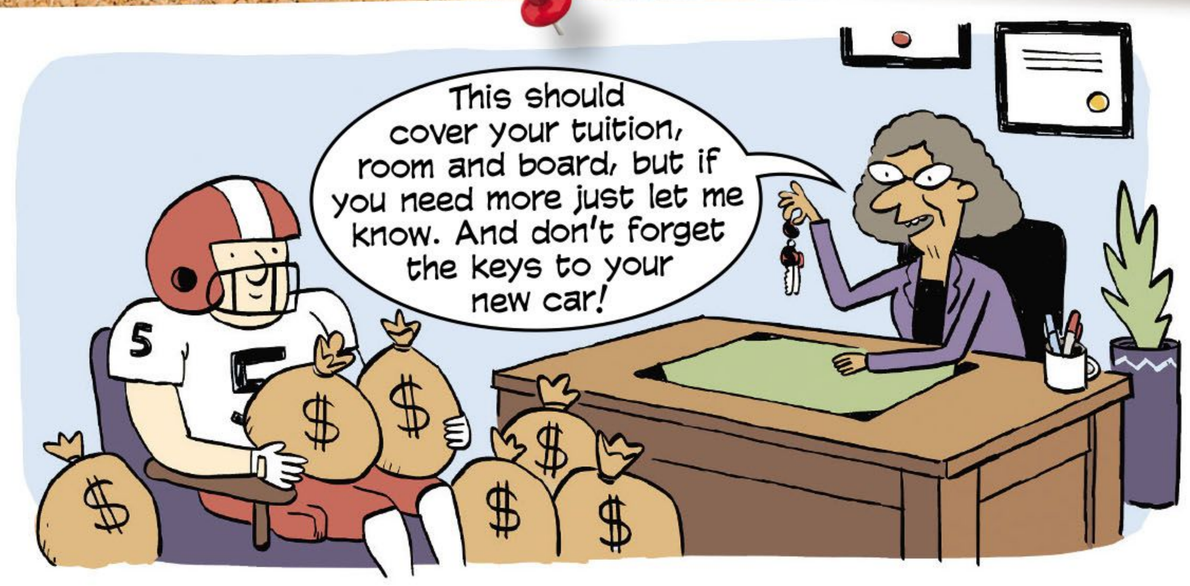
There's an old saying: "If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." Well, we DO think college is expensive, so we WILL be trying ignorance, thank you very much! (In fact, that's our approach to every topic...) So it's with that directive in mind (and not much else) that we present this highly ignorant take on the costs of higher education!

Abstain from alcohol. It will save you money now AND help your kidney fetch a higher price should you need to sell it on the black market later.

Avoid unnecessary spending by talking to your roommate in advance about which one of you will be in charge of buying *Pulp Fiction* posters, and which one of you will be in charge of buying Bob Marley posters.

Attend a student protest. You'll be helping to make the world a better place, but more importantly, sometimes there's free pizza.

Textbook prices have increased a whopping 82% in the past decade. Remove them from your budget completely and just ask Siri everything instead.


This should cover your tuition, room and board, but if you need more just let me know. And don't forget the keys to your new car!
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Here's a little lifehack the admissions board doesn't want you to know about: you can score extra scholarship money simply by becoming a world-class athlete with a 4.0 GPA.

WRITER: KENNY KEIL ARTIST: JOHN MARTZ

UCE YOUR
COSTS

Save money and water by doing all your laundry in that big fountain in the middle of the quad.

Shop for used school supplies on Craigslist. Better yet, just shop for used diplomas and cut out the middleman entirely.

Many campus dining halls have salad bars with the condiments and croutons lying out completely unsupervised. Boom, there's your meal plan!

Try not to change your major more than twice a semester.

In danger of losing your scholarship? First, join a ragtag fraternity of slackers and outcasts against whom the dean holds a bitter grudge, then find an obscure loophole in the campus bylaws and, finally, win a high-stakes intramural competition. Hey, it always works in the movies!

Don't get suckered into pricey graduation packages on your big day. A shower cap and a hospital gown are as good a "cap and gown" as any.

Three classics illustrated by Tom Bunk
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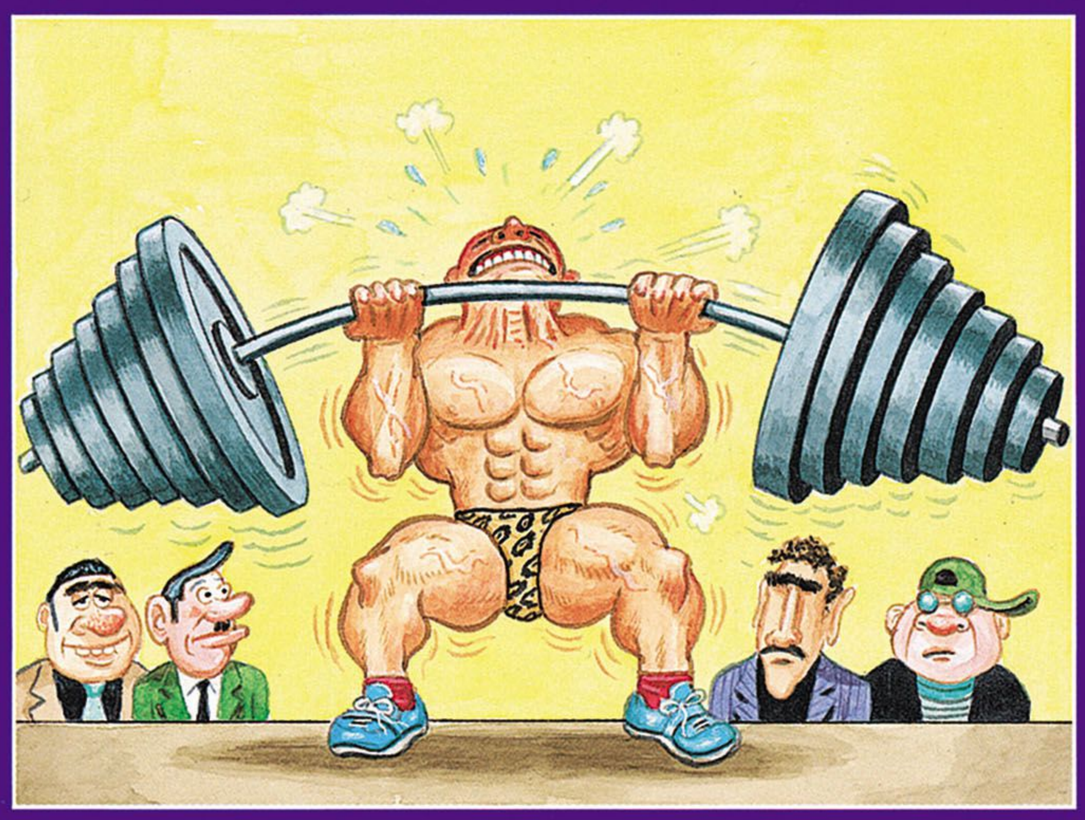
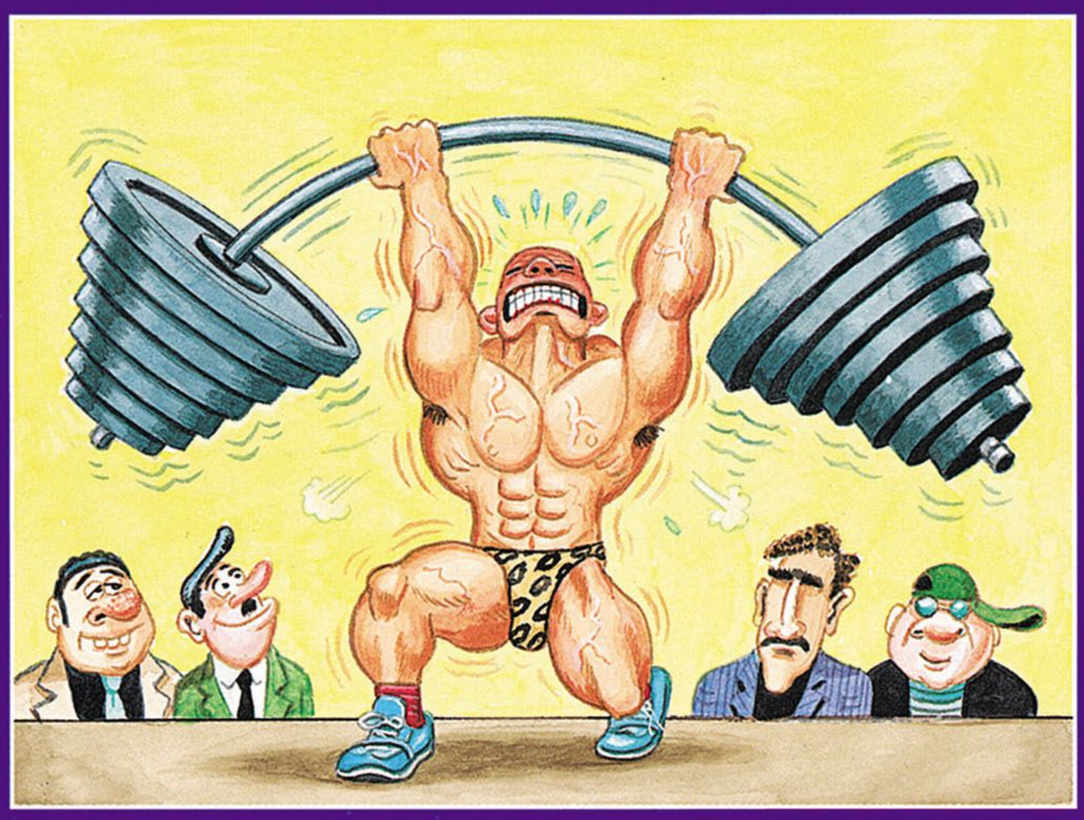
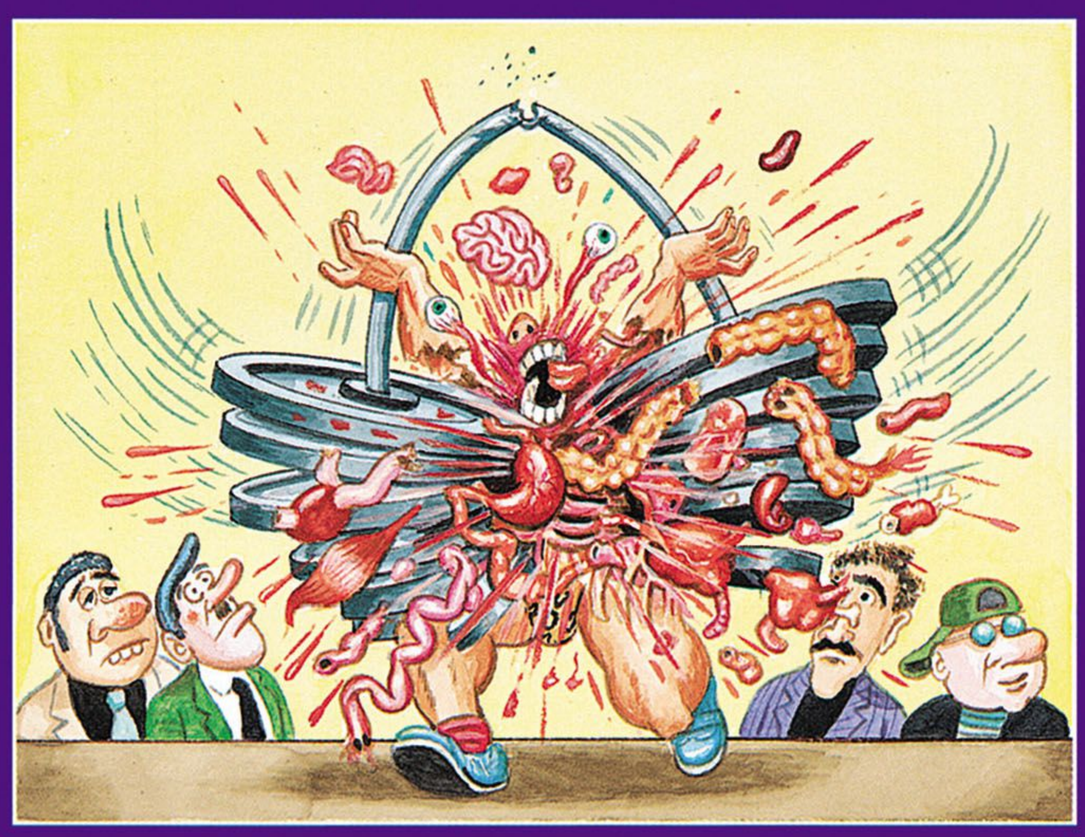
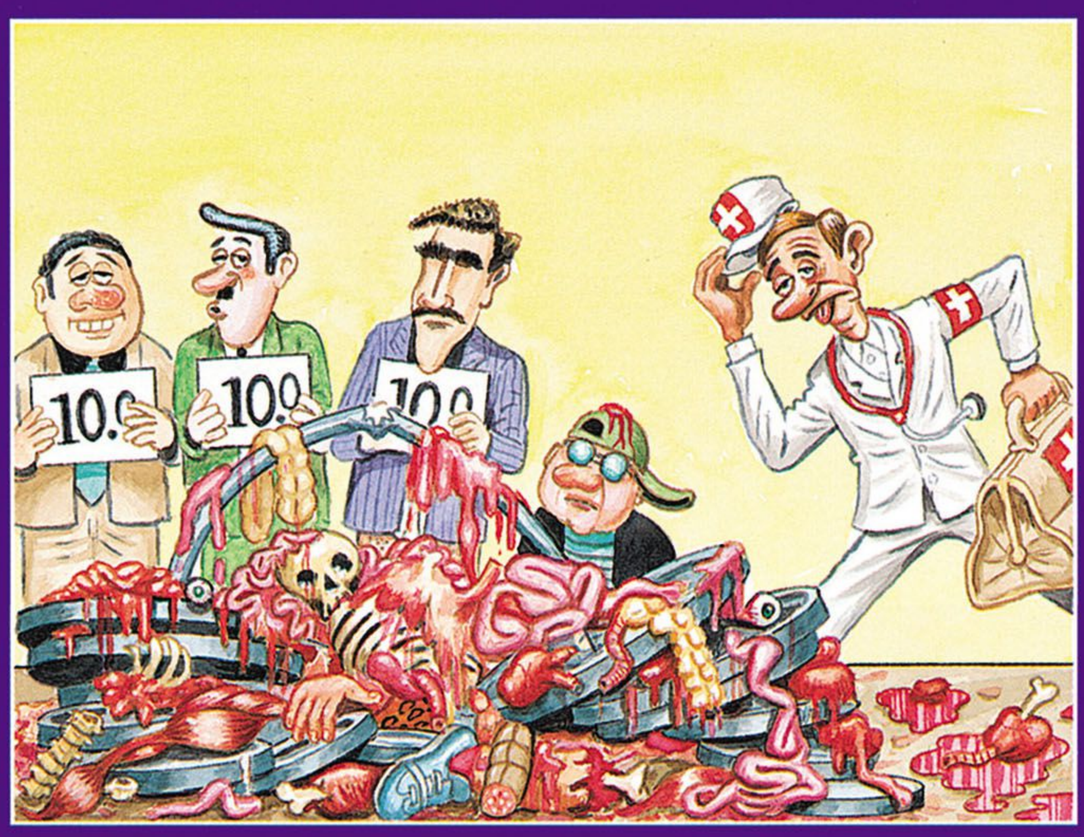
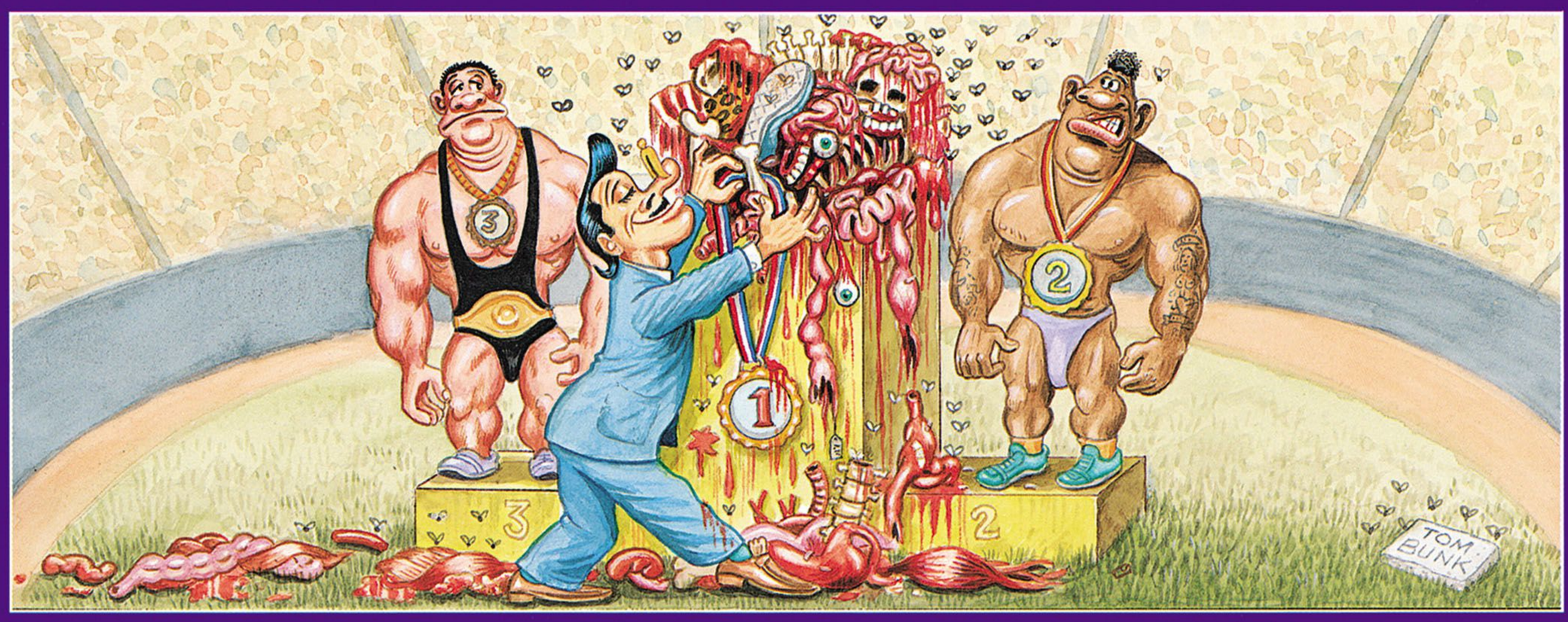
WHAT A JERK!











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HUMOR IN A JUGGLER VEIN DEPT.

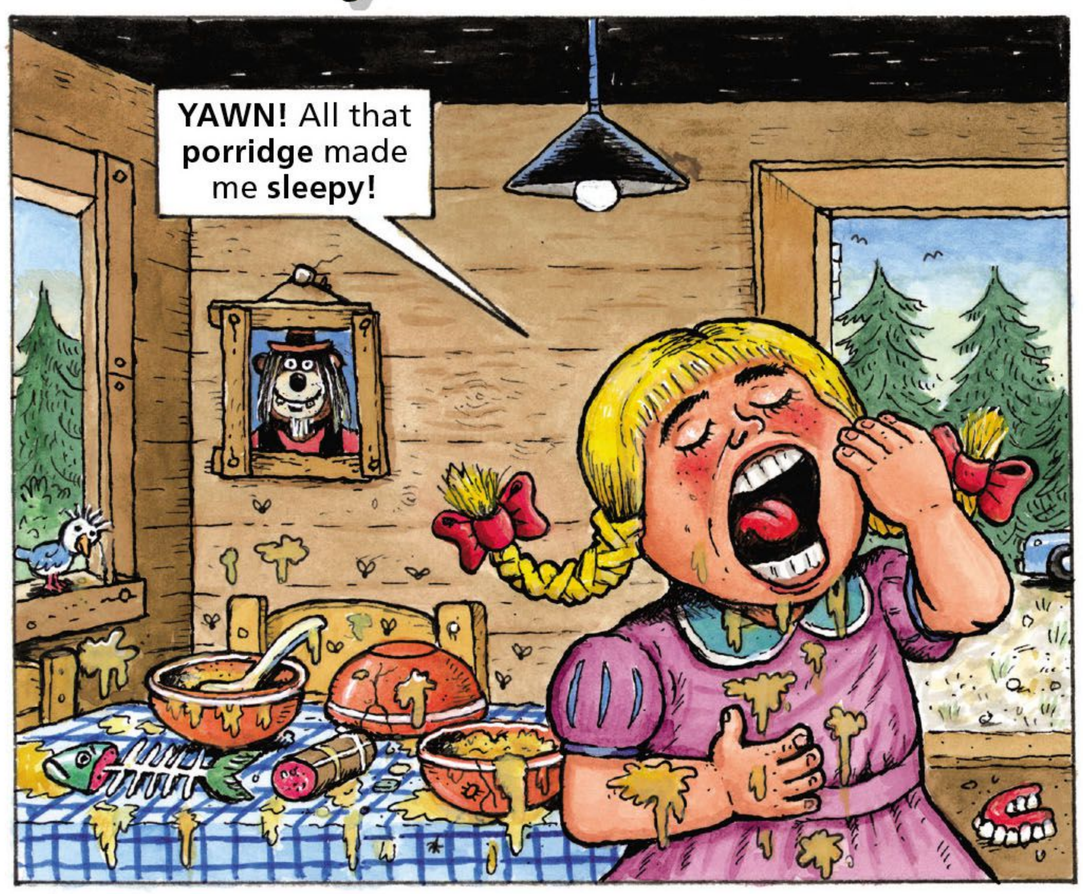
JUGGLES

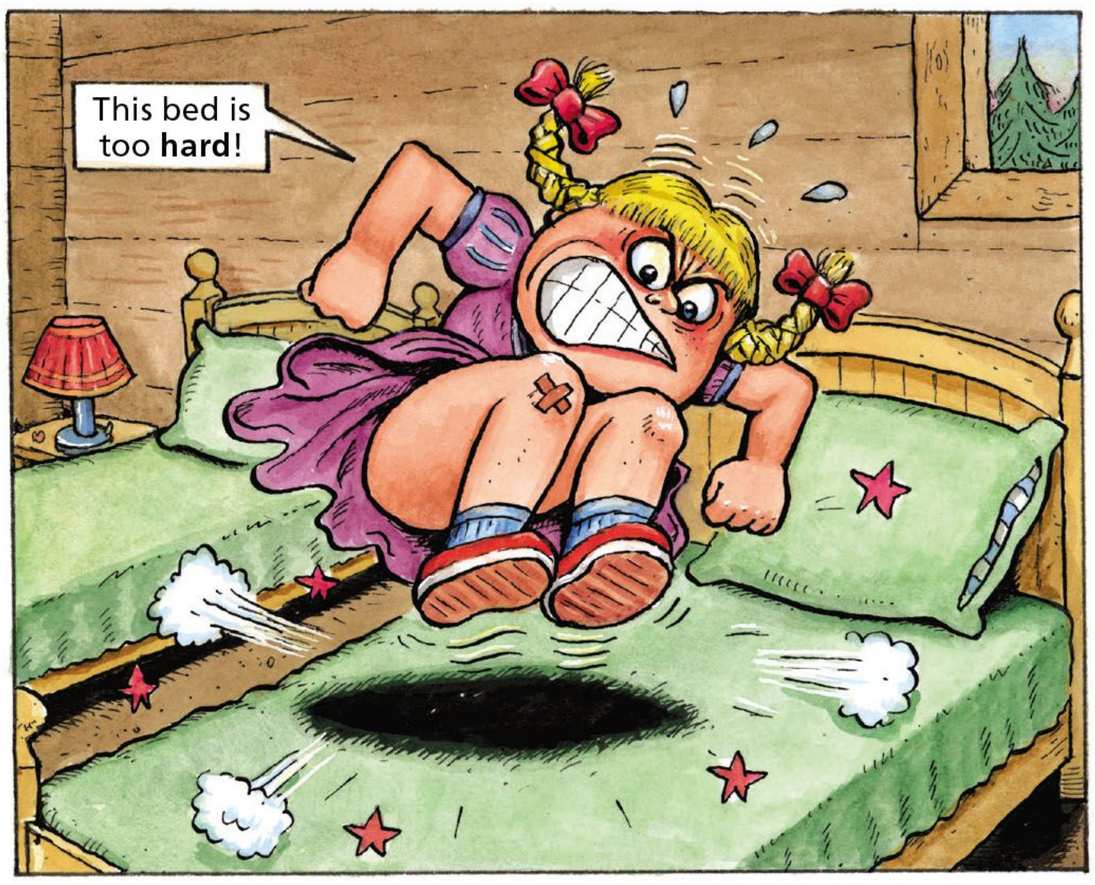
THE JUGGLING JUGGLER WHO JUGGLES

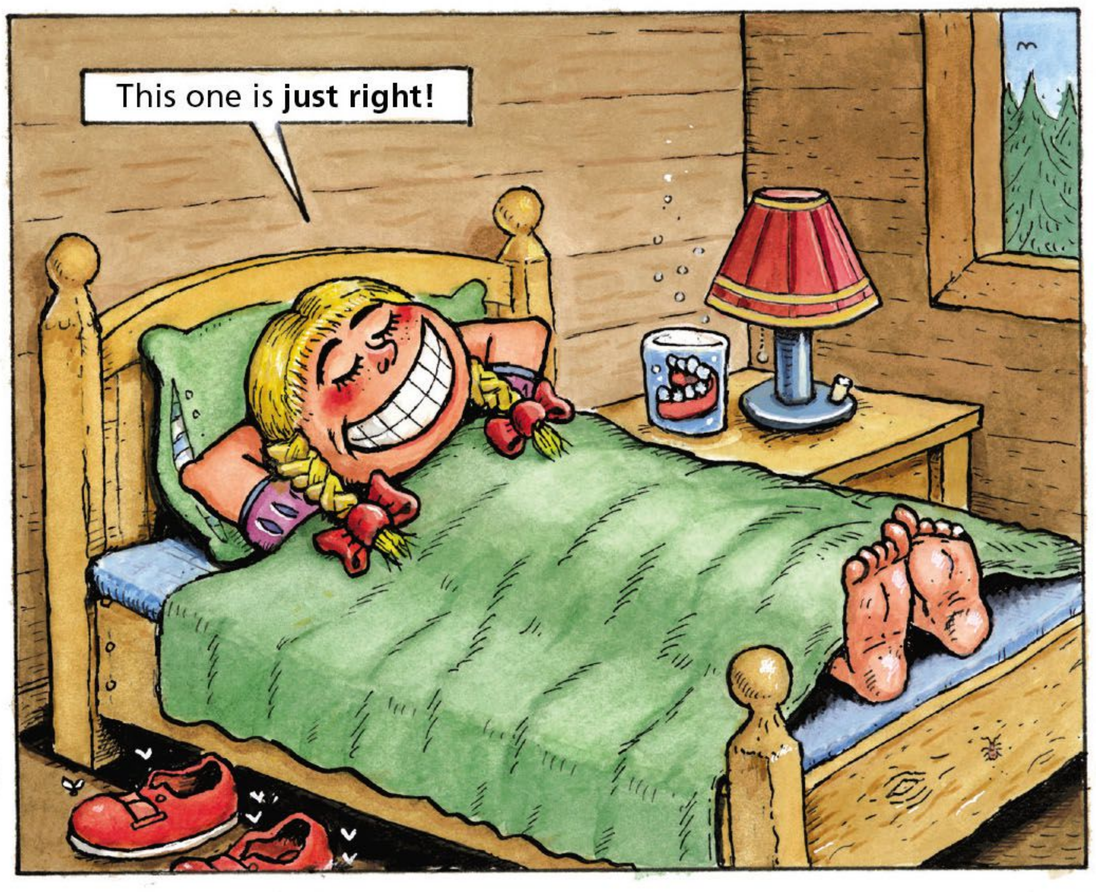
WRITER: MO WILLEMS ARTIST: TOM BUNK

THE GRIMM SLEEPER DEPT.

A Fairy Tale We'd Like to See: Goldilocks







WRITER: MATT LASSEN ARTIST: TOM BUNK

The villainous mastermind Dr. Heinous — trapped in his awkward teenage past! I.P. Studios presents...

DEWEY DERWIN DESTROYS THE WORLD!

"APP-ETITE FOR DESTRUCTION"

My name is **Dr. Heinous.** I am the **greatest supervillain** of all time. Or at least I ***was***, until a time-travel mishap sent me hurtling backwards down the **waterslide** of **spacetime**, belly flopping into the **bacteria-filled swimming pool** of **adolescence.** Yes, fate had served me a **big fat** slice of **humble pie** – and without so much as 30 minutes to digest it, I was about to be thrown into the **deep end.**

EXCUSE US, MA'AM.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR *DEWEY DERWIN.*

Let's rewind a bit, shall we?

My plans for building a **time machine** that would return me to the **future** were proceeding **splendidly.** (How **else** would you have expected them to proceed, **fool?**) My calculations were **impeccable.** My engineering, **superb.** My analysis, **exquisite.** My blueprints so **masterfully** drawn that they made the **ceiling** of the **Sistine Chapel** look like it was painted by **George W. Bush.**

Alas, I had hit a bit of a snag in the **funding** department.

Projects of **this** magnitude don't run on brilliant ingenuity alone — they require **money!** Money that I, at my current allowance rate, wouldn't possess for another **19 to 20,000 years!**

SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE

(Depending on inflation.)

COUGH IT UP, YOU IMPUDENT SWINE!

Being a criminal mastermind, my first instinct was to supplement my income with a little **grand larceny.** But I no longer had a driver's license, and finding a suitable **getaway driver** proved infeasible.

MOTHER! I REQUIRE TRANSPORTATION TO THE BANK *AT ONCE!*

GO TO *BED*, DEWEY.

BAH! YOU NEVER RESPECTED MY DREAMS!

One might assume owning a **teleporting hamster** would solve my mobility woes. However, training one of those things is **almost** as difficult as finding black market buyers for **stolen alfalfa pellets.**

I SAID *FORT KNOX*, NOT *PETCO!* YOU WORTHLESS *KOOSH BALL...*

VLOO OORROR RR R RRRPPP

SKWEEP

And so, in a **rare** moment of desperation, I, Dr. Heinous, did the **unthinkable.**

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DEWEY DERWIN RESUME

I went **job hunting.**

WRITER: KENNY KEIL ARTIST: JUSTIN PETERSON

Being vastly overqualified for literally **everything**, I expected **some** degree of humiliation. But nothing could have prepared me for the **egregious ageism** I would soon be subjected to.

I'M TELLING YOU FOR THE *LAST TIME*, YOU *DROOLING IGNORAMUS!* THIS *ISN'T* A *PRANK CALL!* NOW WILL YOU BE ABLE TO MEET MY *SALARY DEMANDS* OR *NOT?*

AND *I'M* TELLING *YOU* FOR THE LAST TIME, KID: THE NASA JET PROPULSION LAB *DOESN'T* HIRE *CHILDREN!*

"CHILDREN"? HOW *DARE* Y— *HELLO?*

NO ONE HANGS UP ON *DR. HEINOUS!*

HAS ANYONE SEEN MY PHONE?

Every Ivy League institution in the **world** should have been kicking down my door for a piece of **this** brain! But where do I end up? Tutoring basic science to the **dregs** of society — including my idiotic chemistry teacher, **Mr. Balsawood.**

SOOOOO, WHAT YOU'RE *SAYING* IS, THE INCREDIBLE HULK *ISN'T* SCIENTIFICALLY ACCURATE? LIKE, NOT EVEN A *LITTLE?*

SIMPLE EDITION SCIENCE FOR IDIOTS

TOSS

THAT'S *IT.* I'M OUT.

I lasted a whole 20 minutes.

From there it was a brisk **downward spiral** into the dark world of socially acceptable child labor. I washed **dishes.** I bussed **tables.** I handed out **free samples** of **pretzel poppers** at the **mall**...until the food court was destroyed in a **"mysterious" fire.** Who knew cinnamon was **so** combustible?

(I did.)

PRETZEL POPPER, ANYONE?

BARN POPPER

FLIK FLIK

FLIK

PRETZEL BARN

The only job I even **remotely** enjoyed was at the local cineplex. There's something **deeply gratifying** about charging hapless buffoons 15 bucks for a soggy paper sack of room-temperature popcorn kernels. Unfortunately, the manager **didn't appreciate** my unique zeal for customer service, and banned me **for life.**

ENJOY THE SHOW, SIR!

ESPECIALLY THE PART WHERE IT'S REVEALED THAT THE *DETECTIVE* AND THE *SERIAL KILLER* ARE THE *SAME* PERSON.

HEY! NO SPOILERS, MAN!

SULLIVAN THEATERS

SO YOU *DON'T* WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S *REALLY* IN YOUR NACHO TOPPINGS?

Within a week I had exhausted all my employment options — each **more humiliating** than the last, resulting in little more than burned bridges and scorched pretzel carts. It wasn't **fair!** Why should **adults** be the only ones who get to lie and cheat their way to the top?

SIGH.

WILL I *NEVER* ESCAPE FROM THIS *WRETCHED NIGHTMARE?*

And **then,** like a United Airlines attendant on an overbooked flight...**it hit me.**

THAT'S IT! DR. HEINOUS, YOU *BRILLIANT* DEVIL!

DING!

THAT'S IT!

What was I **doing** wasting my time trying to get a **real job?** It's 2017 — **fake** jobs are where all the money is! Why, one could contrive an **entire career** out of little more than an **overinflated ego** and a **broken moral compass!** Life coach, social media influencer, President of the United States! Or, most lucrative of **all**...tech start-up founder.

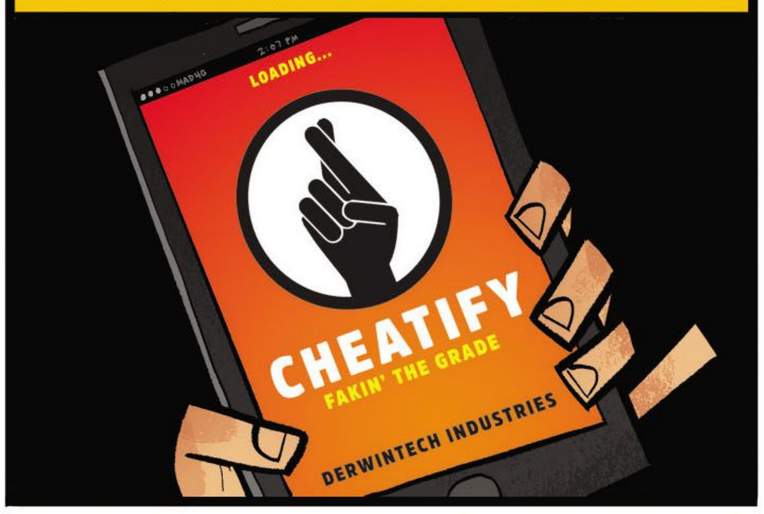
CLICK

MY WORD. THIS FEELS DOWNRIGHT *UNETHICAL...*

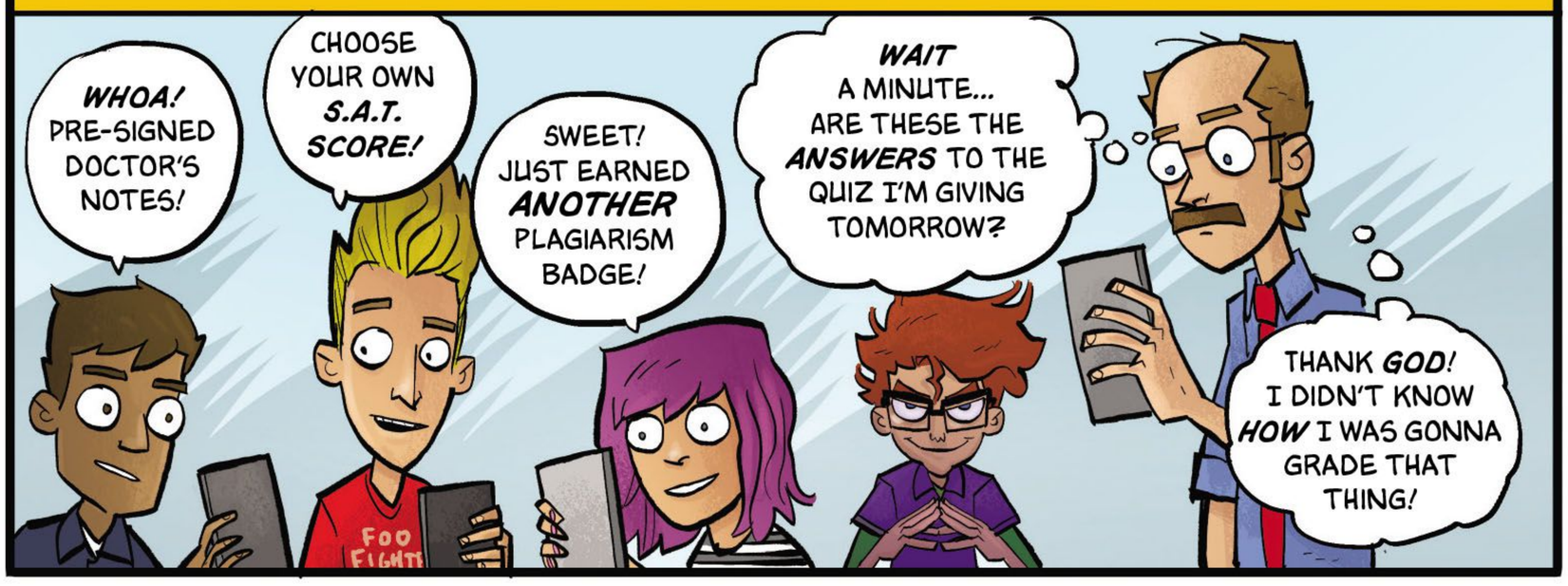
I'M GETTING *GOOSEBUMPS.*

It was then that I went from Dr. Heinous, supervillain...to Dr. Heinous — **APP DESIGNER.**

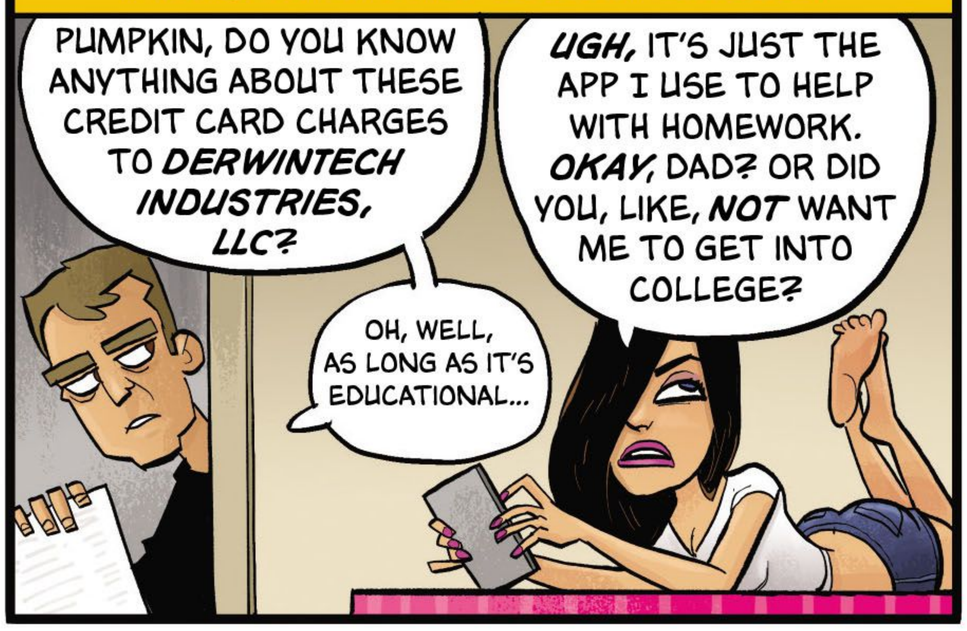
Within **hours**, I had created an app that would disrupt the online learning industry by creating a **fully-integrated**, mutli-tiered, **cloud-based** strategy for **gaming** the academic sector.



...which is a fancy way of saying it lets kids **cheat** their way through school for **20 bucks** a **month**. Within a week, **every student** at my high school was a paid subscriber.


WHOA! PRE-SIGNED DOCTOR'S NOTES!
CHOOSE YOUR OWN S.A.T. SCORE!
SWEET! JUST EARNED ANOTHER PLAGIARISM BADGE!
WAIT A MINUTE... ARE THESE THE ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ I'M GIVING TOMORROW?
THANK GOD! I DIDN'T KNOW HOW I WAS GONNA GRADE THAT THING!

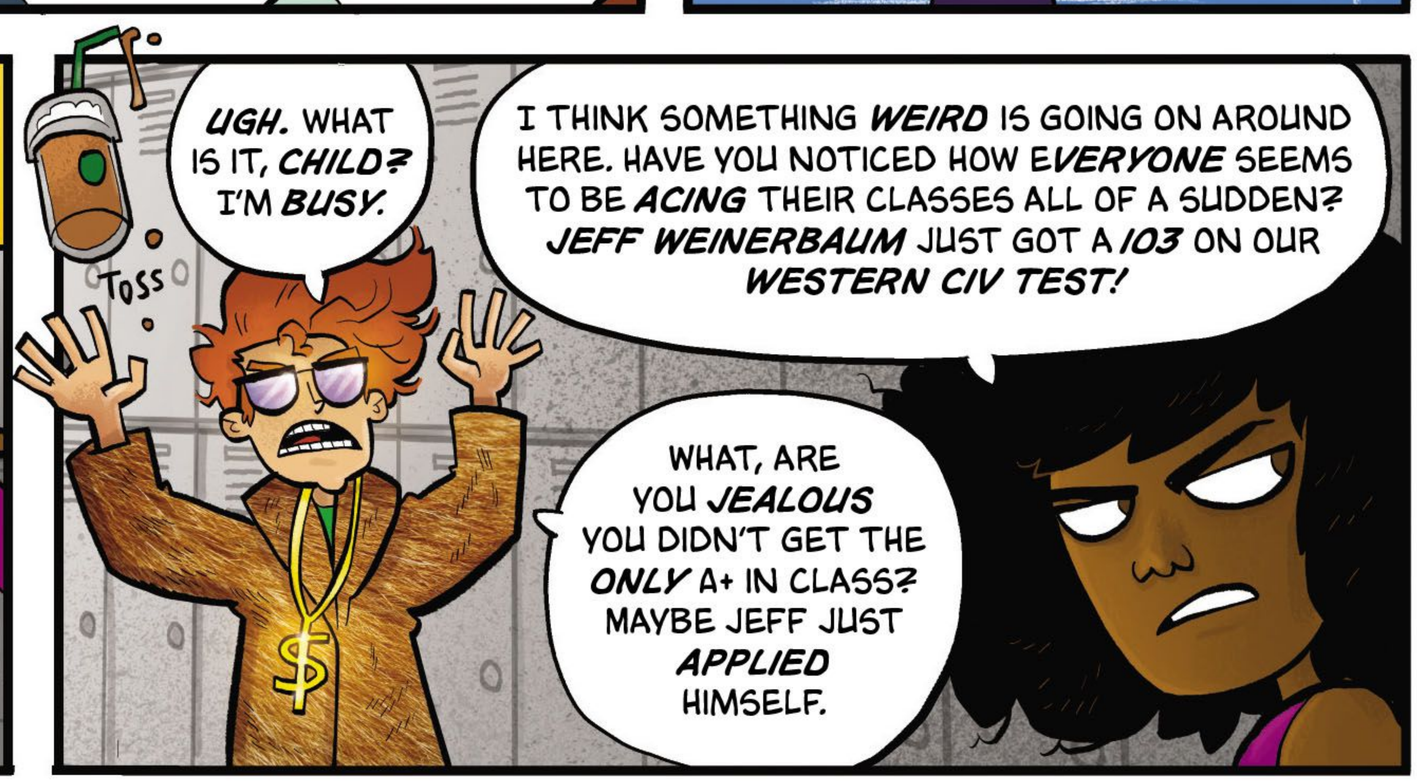
I'd created the **Uber** of plagiarism. The **Grubhub** of truancy. The **Facebook** of unethical data mining. So, in other words...**Facebook.**

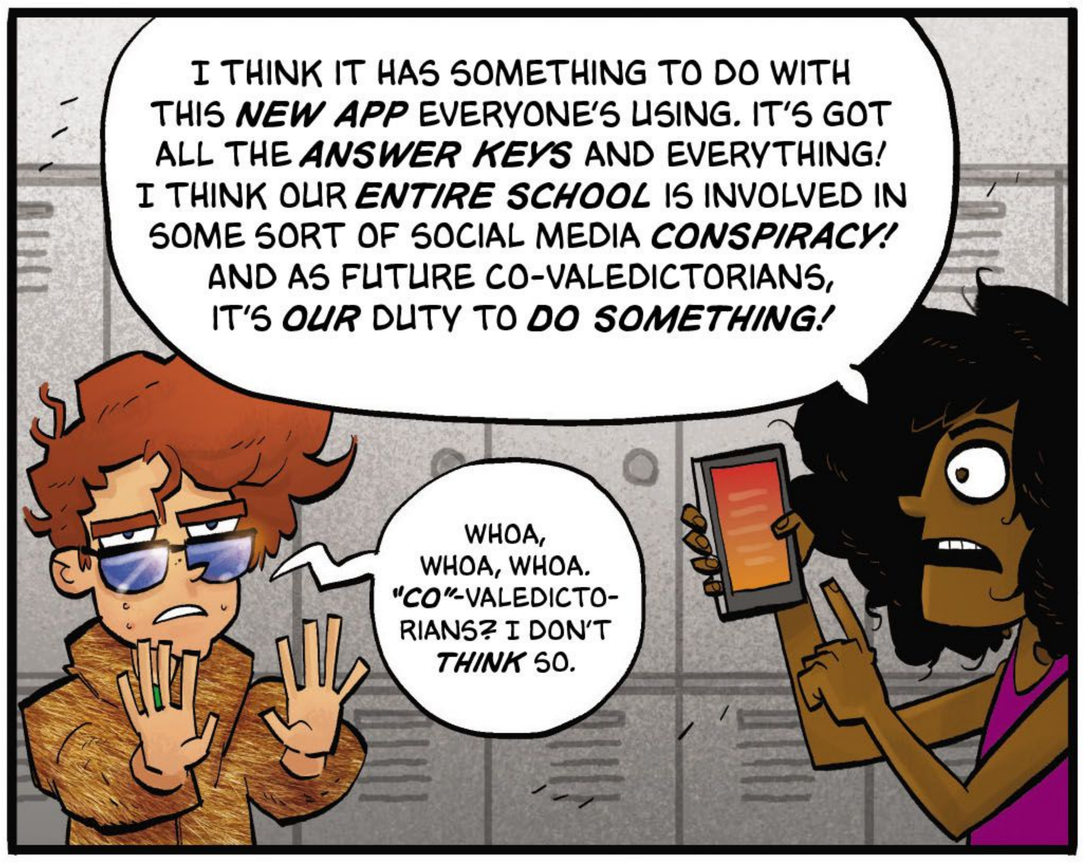

PUMPKIN, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THESE CREDIT CARD CHARGES TO DERWINTECH INDUSTRIES, LLC?
UGH, IT'S JUST THE APP I USE TO HELP WITH HOMEWORK.
OKAY, DAD? OR DID YOU, LIKE, NOT WANT ME TO GET INTO COLLEGE?
OH, WELL, AS LONG AS IT'S EDUCATIONAL...

Cheatify was selling like **fidget spinner-shaped hotcakes.** Kids everywhere were scamming their parents. And I, in turn, was scamming **them.** It was beautiful.

All those **pathetic rubes** getting hosed. All that glorious **credit card information** coursing through my modem! My time machine would be funded in **no time...**

I **might** even have a little left over to stash in a Swiss bank account as a **"welcome home" gift** to myself once I arrive back in the future. As long as I avoided any **frivolous expenses...**


UGH. WHAT IS IT, CHILD? I'M BUSY.
TOSS
I THINK SOMETHING WEIRD IS GOING ON AROUND HERE. HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE ACING THEIR CLASSES ALL OF A SUDDEN? JEFF WEINERBAUM JUST GOT A 103 ON OUR WESTERN CIV TEST!
WHAT, ARE YOU JEALOUS YOU DIDN'T GET THE ONLY A+ IN CLASS? MAYBE JEFF JUST APPLIED HIMSELF.


I THINK IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS NEW APP EVERYONE'S USING. IT'S GOT ALL THE ANSWER KEYS AND EVERYTHING! I THINK OUR ENTIRE SCHOOL IS INVOLVED IN SOME SORT OF SOCIAL MEDIA CONSPIRACY! AND AS FUTURE CO-VALEDICTORIANS, IT'S OUR DUTY TO DO SOMETHING!
WHOA, WHOA, WHOA. "CO"-VALEDICTO-RIANS? I DON'T THINK SO.

CAREFUL, NANCY DREW. FALLING INTO RABBIT HOLES IS A GOOD WAY TO FIND SNAKES. BESIDES, NOBODY LIKES A PLAYER HATER. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I HAVE A MEETING WITH SOME SILICON VALLEY FAT CATS ABOUT LAUNCHING MY IPO.
DERWIN OUT!
VMMMM
UM, HELLO? MY NAME IS JUNIPER CHIVES...
I'M CALLING TO REPORT A CYBER-CRIME.

Like **Icarus,** I had flown **too close** to the **sun.** Unlike Icarus, my crime wasn't hubris...but rather, **genius!**

WHATCHA GONNA DO WITH ALL THAT JUNK, ALL THAT JUNK INSIDE YOUR TRUNK...

Well...genius, along with several dozen **felonies,** misdemeanors and **tax code violations.**

I'MA GET GET GET GET YOU DRUNK GET YOU LOVE DRUNK OFF MY H—

AAAAAHHHHHHHHH!!

FREEZE!

FBI!

ZAPPPP

ZAPP

ZAAP

ZAPP

ZAP

ZAPP

TAKE YOUR KIDS TO WORK EVERY DAY

FBI?! LISTEN, IF THIS ***ARGHHH*** IS ABOUT THAT BEYONCÉ ALBUM I PIRATED, I ***EEEEEE*** SWEAR I WAS GONNA BUY IT ***OWWWWW*** BUT I FORGOT ***GAHHHHH*** MY ITUNES PASSWORD!

DON'T PLAY ***DUMB,*** DEWEY.

WE KNOW ***ALL ABOUT*** THE CHEATIFY APP!

ZAPPPPP

ZAP

ZAP

SHOULD I TASE HIM ***AGAIN,*** SIR?

DAMN IT, ROGER! I ***TOLD*** YOU TO STAY ***OFF*** THOSE RUSSIAN ***TORRENT*** SITES!

ROGER? WHO'S ***ROGER?***

I THOUGHT WE WERE LOOKING FOR A ***DEWEY...***

SO...DO I HAVE TO ***STOP*** TASING HIM, OR...?

ZAP

ZAP

ZAPPP

ZAP

DEWEY? OUR ***SON?*** WHAT THE ***YAAAGHHHH*** DID HE ***DO?***

And so, it was the end of the road for me and my little **social experiment.** My app was **deleted.** My tools were **impounded.** My riches were **sequestrated.** And I would have been facing **serious jail time,** had I not had one remaining ace tucked **firmly** up my sleeve! Though it pained me **greatly** to do so, I was forced to use the **one advantage** being a kid actually afforded me.

GAWSH, MISTERS, I WAS JUST ***FOOLIN' AROUND.*** I DIDN'T ***MEAN*** FOR NO ONE TO GET ***HURT. SCOUT'S HONOR!*** PLEASE DON'T TORTURE ME ***EXTRAJUDICIALLY*** LIKE Y'ALL DID TO MY PAW! ***SNIFFLE!*** 'SPECIALLY WHAT WITH MY MAW BEIN SO ***LITIGIOUS*** AN' ALL...

I played **dumb.**

EDUCATION FRAUD IS A ***CRIME,*** DEWEY. ONE WITH ***SERIOUS*** CONSEQUENCES. BUT SINCE YOU'RE FROM SUCH A ***NICE FAMILY...***

(WHO SURELY ***WOULDN'T*** SUE THE GOVERNMENT OVER A ***LITTLE*** TASING INCIDENT),

WE'LL LET YOU OFF WITH A ***WARNING*** THIS TIME.

OF COURSE, WE ***STILL*** HAVE TO CONFISCATE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND BAN YOU FROM USING ***ANY TECHNOLOGY*** DEVELOPED AFTER ***1978.*** THERE'S ALSO A HEFTY FINE INVOLVED, WHICH YOUR PROFITS FROM THE APP SHOULD ***JUST*** ABOUT COVER.

OTHER THAN ***THAT,*** WHAT SAY WE FORGET THE ***WHOLE THING?***

ESPECIALLY THE TASING PART.

I outsmarted them **all,** of course. But my victory was Pyrrhic at best. I'd lost my **empire,** my **fortune** and even my **computer privileges.** But at least I still had my dignity.

They can't take **THAT** away.

PRETZEL POPPER, ANYONE?

BARN POPPER

FREE SAMPLES

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TZEL BARN

TO BE CONTINUED!

Printed on 100% non-recycled paper, ironically enough!

Overgrowth

The Gigantic Gardening Catalog

VENUS DEERTRAP

While they may be cute, deer can wreak havoc on your vegetable garden. Now you have a defense with these giant carnivorous plants that live on venison! **$99.95 per bulb** #VDP-045

NOTE: Bulbs take up to six months to reach maturity and generally take three weeks to digest a single adult deer.

WRITER: JEFF KRUSE ARTIST: SCOTT BRICHER

LUXURY WHEELBARROW

Six cubic feet, seamless steel. Comes with air conditioning, fog lights and back-up camera. 14 highway MPG estimated EPA. **MSRP $15,499**, **sale price $9,899** or lease for $39 per month + tax on approved above-average credit. #WB-2017

All advertised prices exclude $80 dealer fee, taxes, finance charges and emissions testing charges. Special APR financing in lieu of factory rebates. $0 security deposit.

SCARECROW LINGERIE

Dress your scarecrow in something sexier than a floppy hat and overalls! Choose from bra, g-string, teddy, fishnet stockings and bustier. All previously-owned; one size fits most scarecrows. (Our choice of colors, please.)
$9.95 each #SL-9696

SONGBIRD REPELLENT

Just a few sprays of this cat saliva compound will be enough to ward off wrens, finches, sparrows and other obnoxious little loudmouths who insist on filling your garden with melodies. **$19.94/24 oz. bottle** #SBR-178

TUMBLEWEEDS

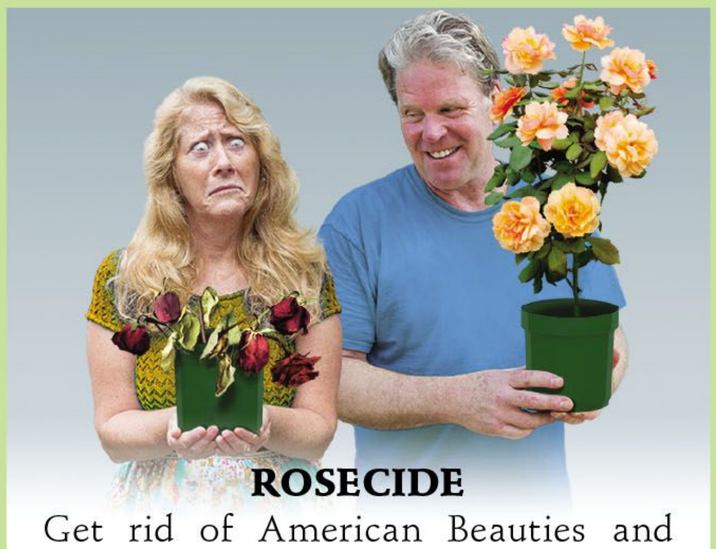
Whether you work on the set of a Western film or simply need to tell someone that his or her joke bombed, tumbleweeds are the perfect choice. No need to grow them, as they're shipped whole. **5 weeds/$29.99** #TW-0098

DUNG BEETLES

Dung beetles not only help out in your garden, but they make great pets for certain personality types.
Box of 200-250/$44.99 #DBS-3579

FAUX HEMP

Our exclusive strain looks exactly like cannabis sativa, but does not produce a high. Won't your local police department be embarrassed when you sue them for false arrest! **$5.99/pack** #420-NOT



ROSECIDE

Get rid of American Beauties and other pesky roses grown by your highfalutin' competitors at the annual flower show. (Specify spray or pellets)
$16.95 #RCD-8686

LOVE-ME-NOT BULBS

This hardy annual is guaranteed to have an even-number of petals, resulting in maximum disappointment for prospective lovers.
$12.95 #LMN-9696

PARSLEY SEEDS

From restaurant plates to salad bars, parsley is one of the most widely grown and ignored herbs on earth. Now you can grow your own sprigs and not eat them. **10 seed packs/ $2.99** #PS-0003

LAPELLUS JESTERUS

This showy perennial squirts water at any potential "marks" who get close enough, saving you the trouble of wearing a cheap plastic "gag" version on your coat. **4 bulbs/$15.99** #LJ-4321

GARDEN SLUG WARNING SIGNS

The humane way to keep pesky slugs out of your garden, these cute, mini balsa wood signs send a firm, yet dignified warning to and and all shell-less terrestrial gastropod mollusks!
$7.99, set of ten #GSW-86

BRUSSELS SPROUT MACHETE

You wouldn't use a turnip trowel to harvest eggplants, so why use anything other than an authentic Brussels sprout machete for Brussels sprouts? Copper blade is designed specifically for Brussels sprout stalks, and is not recommended for other varieties of cabbage. For the full line of over 4,000 highly specific tools, visit our website. **$29.95** #BSM-9900

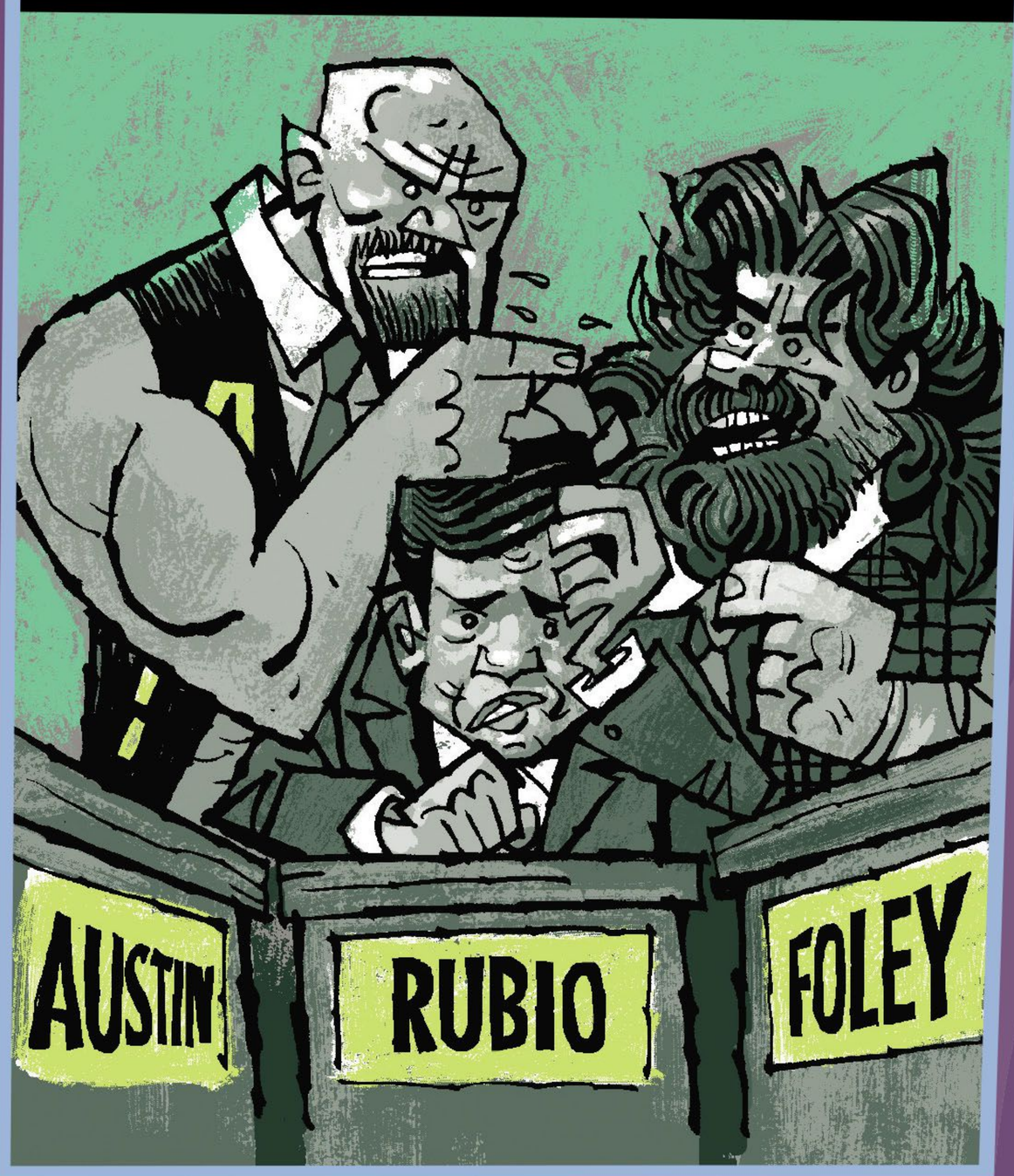
THIS MONTH'S FEATURED PLANT

TrendyFruit Vines

People all over the advertising industry are discovering the power of TrendyFruit! Found in the exotic jungles of Brazil or Africa or someplace, where they live to, like, 120 or so, TrendyFruit is the hottest thing since last year's Fadberry craze. Said to boost immunity, increase sexual desire and burn fat — but we can't confirm any of that. We do know that these fruits look sort of like blueberries and grow best when planted during a crescent moon and fertilized with ostrich dung (sold separately).
$49.95 for vine starter kit #TFV-1112

Shop online or visit one of our two stores in North America.
Stop by and get free sod counseling with a minimum $5,000 sequoia purchase!

Now that a member of the WWE Hall of Fame has been elected President for the first time, it will be a much easier path for the second.



At the amusement park, that indifferent stoner doing a cursory tug check on your restraints stopped thinking about his job performance 16,000 seatbelts ago.

Driverless cars are just a tease for where the REAL money is going to come from: driverless ambulances and driverless hearses.

THE FRIGHT STUFF DEPT.

Most people we know "sleep like a baby" — thanks to their nightly ritual
whose doctors have suddenly decided to crack down on the number of Ambien
letter from the New York Attorney General's office, don't "sleep like a baby."
are wrong with this miserable world and how it's only a matter of time until

CHIL THOU

Whenever a magician dies alone in his apartment, police eventually find his half-eaten remains, surrounded by plump doves and rabbits.

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: JONATHAN EDWARDS

Right this moment on Wikipedia, hundreds of hairsplitting pedants are ruthlessly re-editing pages about *Star Trek*, *The Hunger Games* and *Cowboy Bebop* by changing every "is" and "says" to the future tense. Because technically, none of the events have happened yet!

of popping an Ambien a half hour before bedtime. But some of us, prescriptions they write just because of one measly, semi-threatening No, we lay there awake, dwelling on the infinite number of things that we are all screwed. You'll know exactly what we mean once you read...

LING GHTS

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You will spend one-third of your life sleeping, one-third of your life working and one-third of your life trying to pick the squiggly loose hairs off your bars of soap.

Incredibly, Nickelodeon is taking no precautions to prevent a tween-savvy psycho from sneaking sulfuric acid into the formula for their goopy, neon-green slime the night before the next Kids' Choice Awards.

There's still time for two — maybe three — more tense and resentful Guns N' Roses reunions.

WHAT'S ON VLADIMIR PUTIN'S DESK?

Blu-Ray of *Rocky IV* edited so that Ivan Drago wins

Continuous live feed with close associate

Vlad's To-Do List:
- ~~Annex Crimea~~
- Poison enemies
- Practice menacing smirk in mirror
- Send birthday card to Assad
- Invade Latvia
- DVR *This Is Us*
- Pick up dry cleaning

Gift from when Mike Flynn visited

Blood-stained letter opener

Paperweight made from Patriots owner Robert Kraft's stolen Super Bowl ring

That button you press to make the guy sitting in front of you fall into a pool of piranhas

May Day gift from his secretary

WRITER: MIKE MORSE

ARTIST: WARD SUTTON

DRAWN OUT DRAMAS

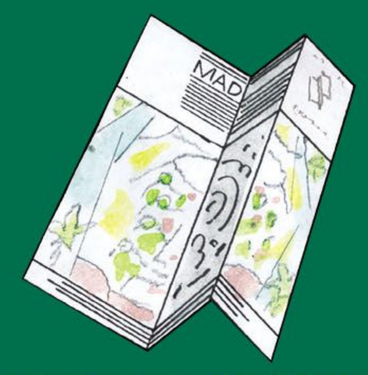
by SERGIO ARAGONÉS

WARNING:
DO NOT READ THIS!
MOVE ON TO THE NEXT PAGE.

WHO STANDS TO BENEFIT MOST FROM TRUMPCARE?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

Many people are worried that their lives will be negatively affected by President Trump's healthcare plan. But there are those who will thrive under it, even though it's a lot to undertake. To find out what group will thrive, despite the grave concerns of others, fold page in as shown.



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THERE ARE ALWAYS WINNERS AND LOSERS WHEN FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES ARE MADE IN CONGRESS BY FEDERAL DIRECTIVES. LOSERS SUFFER AS BENEFITS GO TO ALL THE VICTORS

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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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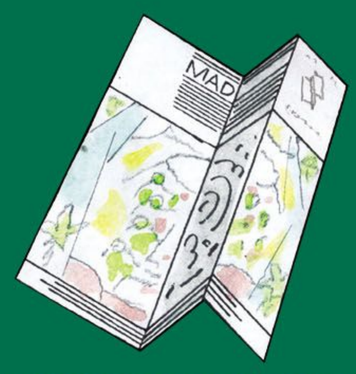

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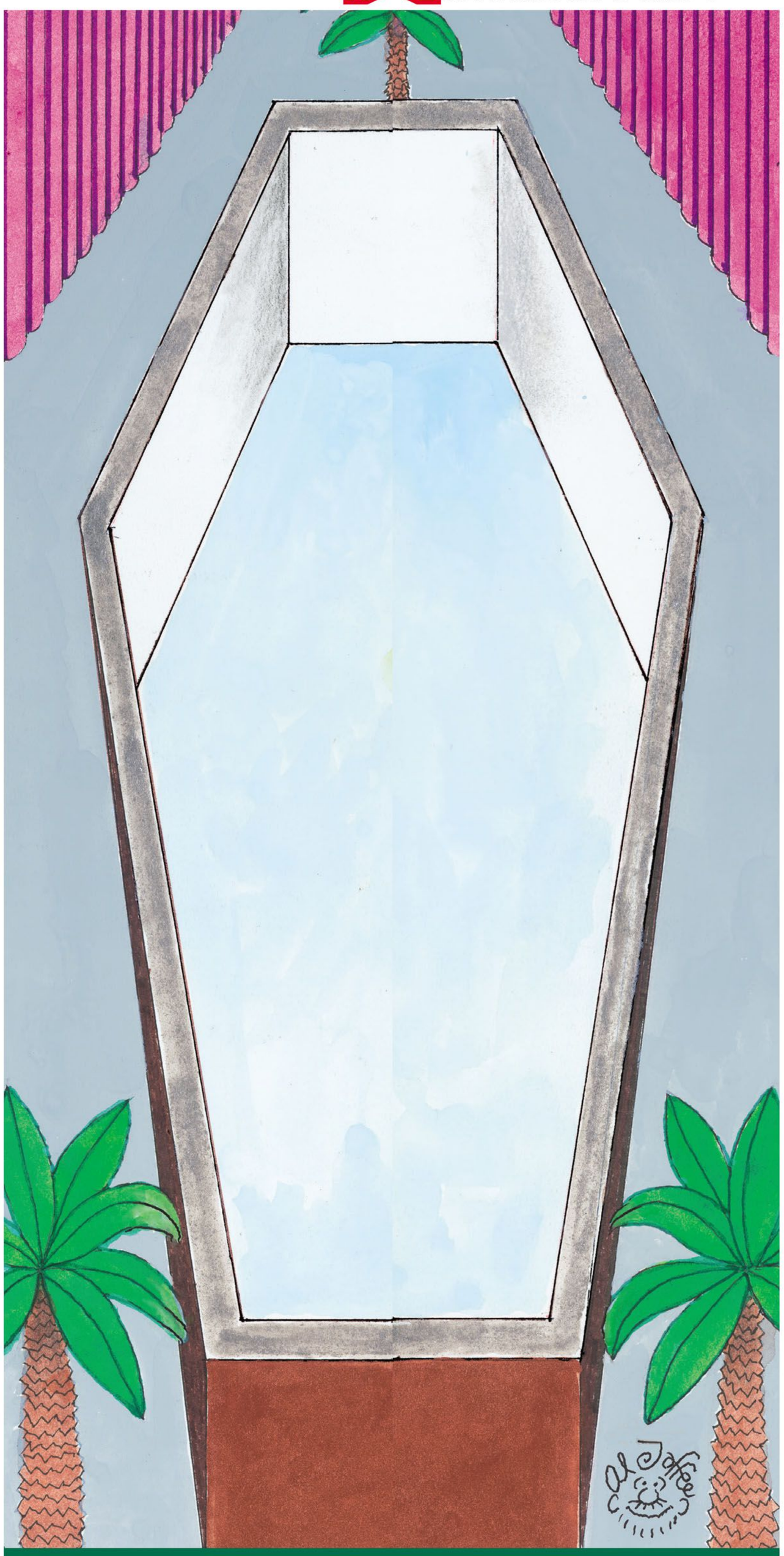

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

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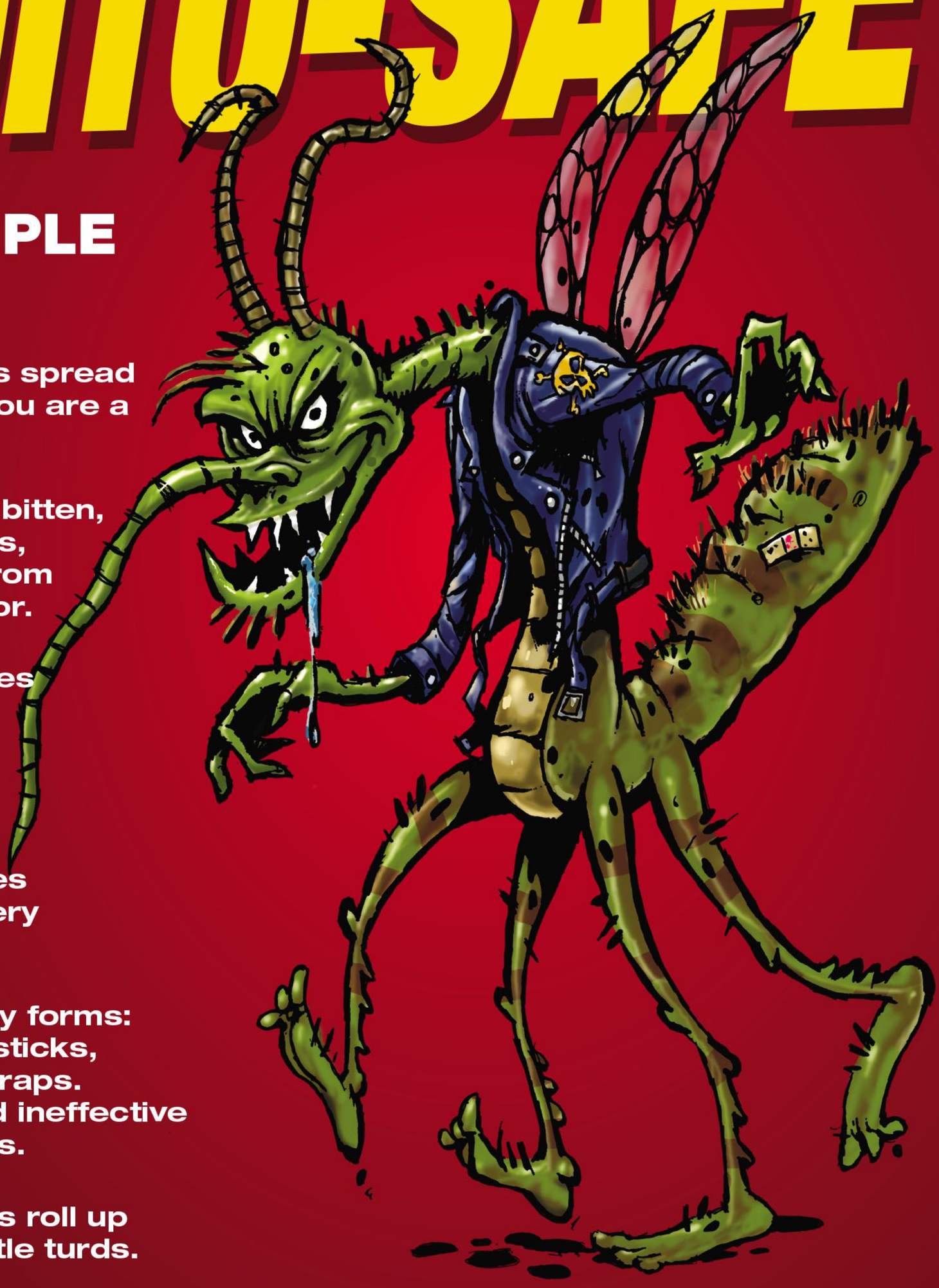
KEEP YOURSELF MOSQUITO-SAFE

FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE HEALTH TIPS:

- A number of diseases and viruses spread through infected mosquitoes. If you are a mosquito, **GET TESTED**!
- To reduce your chances of being bitten, avoid being outdoors — or indoors, if there is a way to go outdoors from the indoor location, such as a door.
- Mosquitoes are attracted to bodies of water. If you have an outdoor swimming pool, be sure to fully drain it after each use.
- Never drink from any of those transparent laboratory petri dishes filled with mosquitoes seen in every news story about mosquitoes.
- Mosquito repellents come in many forms: sprays, candles, bath oils, lotion sticks, ultrasonic zappers and portable traps. Be sure to pick the worthless and ineffective method that best suits your needs.
- When all else fails, you can always roll up this poster and swat the buzzy little turds.



* DID YOU KNOW? *

- Worldwide, mosquitoes kill more people than sharks and plane crashes — and almost as many as the Taco Bell Gordita Supreme.
- Last year, an estimated 725,000 to 1,000,000 people died from mosquitoes. (The precise number is not known because the guy who was counting died. A mosquito cut the brakes on his car.)

REMEMBER:

Mosquito-borne diseases can take up to 14 days to develop. So there is no need to panic, unless you have no symptoms whatsoever.

A MAD PUBLIC HEALTH DISSERVICE POSTER

WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN ARTIST: RICH POWELL